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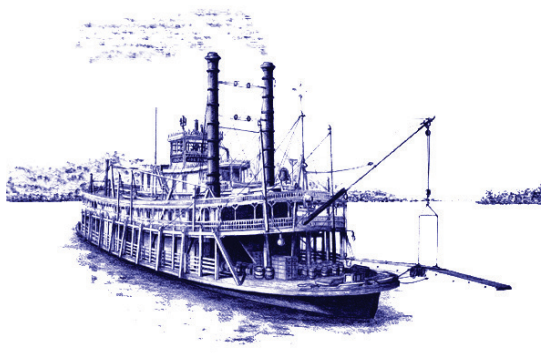

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Big slate of elections on tap in 2022

BY BOB DEMAREE

After a year with no elections in Jefferson County, a full slate of state, county, township and school board races plus offices for the Town of Hanover will return in 2022.

The first day to file for county and states offices is Wednesday, Jan. 5, with the filing period ending at noon on Friday, Feb. 4.

County Clerk Tabatha Eblen said the main change candidates need to know is "you must vote in a primary for that party twice" in order to qualify as a candidate for office in that party. "Prior to that, it was once," she said.

The new IC 3-8-2-7 code that takes effect Jan. 1 stipulates that "the two most recent primary elections in Indiana in which the candidate voted were primary elections held by the party with which the candidate claims affiliation." If a candidate cast a nonpartisan ballot, then a written letter must be submitted from the county chairman of "the political party with which the candidate claims affiliation."

Another change that will impact Hanover residents, in particular, is that elections for all town offices including clerk-treasurer, and town council district and at-large seats will be held in 2022 instead of 2023 when most of the state's municipal elections will take place.

Candidates for office to be voted statewide in 2022 include US Senate (a seat currently held by Todd Young), Secretary of State, State Auditor and State Treasurer, who must submit their candidacy papers to the Secretary of State's office in Indianapolis, along with the US Congress representative, and the State Senate and State Representative offices. Additionally, Eblen said County Prosecuting Attorney, currently held by David Sutter in Jefferson County, must also file his candidacy in Indianapolis.

The remaining offices in Jefferson County must be filed with the County Clerk at the Jefferson County Courthouse. Eblen said

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SHOP WITH A HERO

Photos by Mark Campbell

Madison firefighter Gia Cox (right) prepares to embark on a Christmas shopping experience with a local family after she and other local firefighters unloaded two busloads of children and their families for the Annual Christmas with a Hero: Shop with a Firefighter event. The families gathered at the Madison Elks in downtown Madison, took a caravan of fire trucks and buses to the hilltop to shop and then headed back to the Elks for a visit by Santa Claus.

Above left: Gina Center waits to distribute a handful of face masks as children and families arrive for Madison Fire Department's Annual Christmas with a Hero: Shop with a Firefighter event. **Above right:** Deputy Chief Ken Washer (left) and Firefighter Lory Harrod stroll through the Madison Walmart watching as other firefighters assist children and their families shop during the Annual Christmas with a Hero: Shop with a Firefighter event.

Right: Madison Regatta Co-Queens Katie Royce (left) and Chloe Ferris (center) provide the royal experience for a family during last Saturday's Shop with Hero event with City of Madison firefighters.

Far right: Madison Clifty 6 firefighter Bill Schafer shops with a family during the Annual Christmas with a Hero: Shop with a Firefighter event.

Vevay man charged in fatal crash

Charges stem from August wreck

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A Switzerland County man is facing felony driving under the influence causing death charges in connection with a fatal crash on Aug. 24, 2021, in Ohio County.

Alexander Scott Lynn

Alexander Scott Lynn, 35, of Vevay, Indiana, has been charged with Operating While Intoxicated Causing Death, a Level 4 Felony, Operating While Intoxicated Causing Serious Bodily Injury, a Level 5 Felony, and other related charges.

Indiana State Police investigators claim Lynn was intoxicated and driving on Salem Ridge Road near Poor House Hill Road at about 8 a.m. on Aug. 24, when his car struck an off-road vehicle causing the crash.

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All local counties in the 'red' for COVID-19

One new death each in Jefferson, Ripley

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Tuesday's announcement that the number of COVID-19 cases recently reported in Jefferson County would push the county back into a "red" advisory indicating "high community spread" showed up on statewide maps Wednesday but the county wasn't alone.

In all 35 of 96 counties in Indiana are under the most severe advisory, including Jefferson and three surrounding counties — Switzerland, Scott and Ripley — that are all in the "red" along with nearby counties across the Ohio River in northern Kentucky.

Meanwhile, both Jefferson and Ripley have reported one new death each bringing the toll to 112 in Jefferson and 95 in Ripley.

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JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL

LODGINGS

Dec. 22, 2021

Casey Lynn Richardson, 22, Deputy, Indiana, for Possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony. Bond $1,000 cash.

Dec. 23, 2021

Savannah Loren Mikesell, 31, Madison, for Theft, a Level 6 felony; and Criminal Trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor. No bond.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS JEFFERSON COUNTY

Samuel J. Ernst to Cameron Papucci and Zoe Madeline Bockelmann, 2219 Taylor Street, Madison.

William Cole Jr. to Charles S. and Susan K. Livorno, 2229 Seneca Drive, Madison.

Melinda A. Nowak and Estate of Jennifer M. Saroka to Tyler, Laykn E. Kelley and Rebecca Mullins, 2529 Franks Drive, Madison.

Carol J. Alexander to Leonard and Charity Estheimer, 2017 Fairway Drive, Madison.

Donald John Staley and Marcella A. Staley Revocable Trust to Brenda S. Imbler, 430 Bellaire Drive, Madison.

Joshua A. Smith to Jamin W. Smith, 4639 West Foltz Road, Dupont.

Lester C. Holman, Rene K. Holman, Auditor Jefferson County Heather Huff, Jefferson County Auditor Heather Huff, Auditor Jefferson County Sherry Eblen, Jefferson County Auditor Sherry Eblen to Julie Kuner, 2904 East Geyman Hill Road, Madison.

Walter Ogden, Auditor Jefferson County Heather Huff, Jefferson County Auditor Heather Huff, Auditor Jefferson County Sherry Eblen, Jefferson County Auditor Sherry Eblen to Tim Walter, 925 North Walnut Street, Madison.

Ross Harry, Auditor Jefferson County Heather Huff, Jefferson County Auditor Heather Huff, Auditor Jefferson County Sherry Eblen, Jefferson County Auditor Sherry Eblen to Julie Kuner, 216 South Brooksburg Main Street, Madison.

JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

HEALTH INSPECTIONS

The Jefferson County Health Department conducts quarterly inspections of all food establishments or locations that handle food in the county. Health inspections become a public record 10 days after the inspection takes place.

The documents highlight critical, noncritical and repeat violations during each inspection or follow-up. Critical violations are listed. All records are supplied by the Jefferson County Health Department, which can be reached at (812) 273-1942.

Nov. 8-12, 2021

The Red Roaster: No violations.

Tiki Treats: No violations.

November 15-19, 2021

ALDI Inc: Pre-operational. No violations.

Bad Apple Mac's: COMPLAINT — A customer issued a complaint stating that they were served an under-cooked hamburger. During the complaint inspection the owner was told about the complaint and was encouraged to use a probe thermometer to check the inside temperature of the meat before serving. No objectionable conditions noted at the time routine inspection.

Captain D's: Four non-critical and two repeats. Follow-up: Two non-critical and two repeats.

El Camino: One non-critical.

Hanover College Lambda Chi Alpha: No violations.

Hanover College Phi Delta Theta: No violations.

Hanover College Phi Gamma Delta: No violations.

Hanover College Sigma Chi: No violations.

Hinkle's Sandwich Shop: Two non-critical and one repeat.

Jendy's Pizzeria: One critical — Certified food handler needed for this location. One non-critical and one repeat.

Shooters Bar & Grill: One critical — Certified food handler needed for this location. Six non-critical and one repeat.

Subway Hilltop: One critical — Certified food handler needed for this location. One non-critical and one repeat.

The Downtowner; One critical — Several spray bottles throughout the establishment were found without a label. If the label starts to rub off an employee will need to write it back on so that it is visible and clear. Two non-critical.

November 22-24, 2021

Boneyard Bar & Grill: One critical — A package of ham was observed on the bottom shelf in the walk-in cooler under bacon and pork chops. Four non-critical.

Central Hotel: Two non-critical.

Morning People Cafe: Three non-critical.

JCHD announces road closure

BY THE COURIER STAFF

The Jefferson County Highway Department has announced an immediate road closure involving County Road 410 North between County Road 500 North and the Jennings County line.

The closure began Wednesday and will continue until further notice to replace a structure. Road closure signs will be posted.

CRASH

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Lynn was westbound on Salem Ridge Road in a 2018 Chevrolet Malibu when he approached a westbound 2018 Polaris Ranger driven by Leo Philpot, 63, of Vevay, with Brandon Foutty, 34, of Rising Sun, Indiana, sitting in the front passenger seat. Lynn attempted to pass the Polaris on a double yellow line at the same time the Polaris was trying to turn left into a field.

The occupants of the Polaris were going to cut brush and prepare hunting sites for the upcoming hunting season. The Malibu struck the Polaris, causing the Polaris to rollover onto its passenger side trapping Foutty. Lynn was not injured in the crash but both Philpot and Foutty were transported to St. Elizabeth Dearborn Hospital in Lawrenceburg where Foutty was pronounced dead and Philpot was treated for serious bodily injury.

Lynn allegedly told police he had been in Michigan the day prior and smoked marijuana. He also went on to state that when the crash occurred, he was on his way home from working the night shift at the Amazon Distribution Center located in Hebron, Kentucky.

The officer who transported Lynn to the hospital said there was an odor of marijuana coming from Lynn. The Indiana Department of Toxicology tested Lynn's blood, and a controlled substance, THC, was found. Philpot, the driver of the Polaris, was also tested and did not any controlled substances or alcohol in his system.

Indiana State Police investigators,with the Ohio County Sheriff's Department and Aurora Police assisting in the investigation, prepared charges leading to an arrest warrant. Lynn surrendered himself on the warrant and appeared for his initial hearing recently before Magistrate Kimberly Schmaltz in Ohio County Circuit Court. Lynn was lodged in the Ohio County Jail and released on $50,000 bond.

"I am saddened by the loss of life and serious injury in this case," said Ohio County Prosecutor Lynn M. Deddens. "I commend the officers involved for their good work, and my office will vigorously pursue justice as we move forward with this case."

ELECTIONS

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candidates have the option of bringing candidacy papers to the Clerk's office or mailing them, but she warned that the state is firm that candidate filings must be received by the noon deadline on Feb. 4.

"If you come in at 12:01, we cannot accept your filing," she said, noting a time stamp is placed on all candidate filings that will show the date and time. Even though candidacy papers can be received by mail, Eblen recommended bringing them to the office rather than taking a chance that they may not arrive by mail before the Feb. 4 noon deadline. Even if the postmark is before the deadline, it will be marked late if mail arrival is past the deadline.

Carsha Strouse, the county's voter registration clerk, said the Clerk's office has a packet of paperwork for candidates to complete which is available in the Clerk's office and also available online by going to https://jeffersoncounty.in.gov/158/Clerk and then looking for "Voter Registration Office" and select "Candidate filing information."

Jefferson County offices up for election in 2022 include County Clerk (Eblen, incumbent); County Auditor (Heather Huff, incumbent); County Sheriff (Dave Thomas, incumbent), and County Assessor (Amanda Creech, incumbent). Also, County Commissioner, Upper District (Ron Lee, incumbent), and four County Council districts (District 1, Ray Denning, incumbent; District 2, Chris Shelton, incumbent; District 3, Ray Black Jr., incumbent, and District 4, Judy Smith, incumbent) will all be on the ballot.

All township trustees and their advisory boards will also be on the ballot, along with precinct committee persons. There will be state convention delegates for both Republicans and Democrats that will be voted upon in the primary.

The deadline to register to vote in the primary at the Clerk's office is the close of business on Monday, April 4. Residents can also register online at indianavoters.com. Beginning Tuesday, April 5, voters may begin voting absentee for the primary, which will be held on Tuesday, May 3.

School board elections for both Madison Consolidated Schools and Southwestern Jefferson County Consolidated Schools will both be held in the Nov. 8 general election, and candidates can begin filing for those offices on Wednesday, July 27 through noon on Friday, Aug. 26.

Eblen noted that for the 2020 general election Jefferson County had 22,373 registered voters of which 66.9% actually voted.

Strouse said anyone who wants to be a poll worker should reach out to Republican Party county chair Pam Crozier or Democrat Party county chair John Hutchinson, who will submit the names of their poll workers to the Clerk's Office prior to the election. If the political parties are unable to come up with poll workers, the Clerk's office begins filling the positions. Eblen said they most often reach out to the schools for students. "It's good to get them involved in government to understand elections and the process and what goes into it," she said.

HDBR grants application but says work still needs building permit

BY MARK CAMPBELL

Board member Ken McWilliams noted that the HDBR has no authority over building permits, engineering or how Dale Wells goes about his project other than whether the exterior plans comply with the city's ordinance and guidelines to preserve the historic district.

Madison's Historic District Board of Review approved three applications involving historic structures Monday night but one of the three could still face another hurdle when it goes before the city for a building permit to complete work approved by the board.

Dale Wells has been working on his home, located at 1037 West Main Street in downtown Madison, for more than a year — without a building permit or HDBR approval — but he cleared at least one of those hurdles Monday despite the objections of a neighbor.

Wells, who was making his second appearance before HDBR, is seeking to build an attic room addition to his home with a half bath situated over the west half of the structure and using wooden doors rather than windows on the south side of the home opening out on the second floor.

Board members questioned the use of the doors rather than windows and whether they would pose a safety hazard should someone open the doors, step through and fall.

Neighbor Paul Lee said the issues go beyond the doors and other substitutions Wells is implementing in his build. He said Wells has worked on the house for months without permits, has no structural engineering data to determine if the building can support the rooftop addition and that Wells has circumvented HDBR review and the building permit process by continuing with the project without any approval or permits at the risk of damaging the historic structure and the property of neighbors and the neighborhood.

Lee said doors have been removed, trim has been removed and bricks have been knocked out with a sledgehammer. He said the roof line and gutters have been changed, windows have been changed and chimneys have been removed.

"All that architecture is gone," Lee said, adding, "While I do applaud Dale for improving his property, I don't believe that any of this has been done historically. He's changed the look of this building drastically, front and rear, and there has been no structural investigations done ... if this property is ever sold it will never pass inspection."

Wells was visibly agitated at times and interrupted Lee several times. At time he laughed off Lee's complaints and the concerns of HDBR members that his renovation damaged the historic integrity of the neighborhood or created unsafe conditions for occupants or neighbors.

Board member Ken McWilliams noted that the HDBR has no authority over building permits, engineering or how Wells goes about his project other than whether the exterior plans comply with the city's ordinance and guidelines to preserve the historic district.

In the end, the four board members in attendance — McWilliams, Thomas Stark, Jerome Vernon and Mike Pittman — voted 2-2 on Wells' application with John Wilber, Owen McCall and Jerry Wade absent from the meeting. That allowed the application to be approved but board members stressed to Wells that he still needs a building permit and he agreed to meet with the city's building inspector to pursue that approval.

In other business, the board approved an application on behalf of property owner John Morgan to demolish a non-contributing 1950s lean-to shed and repair openings on the south side of a former cooperage located at 100 Elm Street in downtown Madison. The main two story structure is brick Italianate with a gable front that adjoins the City of Madison's Crystal Beach Pool property.

According to project architect Louis Joyner, the lean-to is no longer needed, is non-contributing to the building and is in need of repair. Rather than repair the shed, Morgan wants to remove it and return the building to its historic appearance with no immediate plans other than preserving the structure.

The board also approved an application by John Staicer, president and executive director of Historic Madison Inc., to remove a non-original rear entry door and trim on an HMI-owned 1840 brick structure located at 118 West Third Street and infill the area. The structure was originally located at 615 West Street but relocated to West Third Street in 1999 to save it from demolition during a King's Daughters' Health expansion.

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Temperature: High 56, Low 55, Mean 55.5, Excess 26.4
Precipitation since last published: 0.
Precipitation, December: 3.24.
Precipitation, Year: 40.87.
Barometer: 30.18, Steady
River Level at IKE: 424.0, Steady
Three-Day Forecast: Friday: Cloudy 56/Low 55; Saturday Christmas Day: Cloudy 69/Low 41; Sunday: Mostly cloudy 54/Low 45; Monday: Rain 64/Low 48; Tuesday: Showers 56/Low 52.

LOTTERY

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 3-9-11-24-44-45 (12/22). Next Estimated Jackpot: $3.8 million. Next Drawing (12/25)
Daily 3: 6-0-3 SB: 2
Daily 4: 2-9-8-3 SB: 2
Cash Five: 28-34-35-39-42 (12/22)
Cash 4 Life: 2-14-16-21-59 CB: 4 (12/22)

KENTUCKY
Pick 3: 7-9-9
Pick 4: 8-2-8-6
Cash Ball: 14-24-33-34 CB: 3 (12/22)
Lucky For Life: 4-29-32-35-46 LB: 17 (12/22)
MEGAMILLIONS: 25-31-58-64-67 MB: 24, MP: x3 (12/21). Next Estimated Jackpot: $187 million. Next Drawing (12/24)
POWERBALL: 7-16-19-48-68 PB: 15 PP: x2 (12/22). Next Estimated Jackpot: $400 million. Next Drawing (12/25)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 4-25-49-59-61 PB: 11 (12/22). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to $10 million. Next Drawing (12/25)

BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

DEC. 25
Abigale Rose Shuck — 3
Cheryll Judge

DEC. 26
Linda Ededuwa

DEC. 28
Betsey Vonderheide

DEC. 29
Noah Burnham — 13

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Russell Crawford
Jace smith

DEC. 31
Zeke Grimmet

OBITUARIES

Kevin England Sr.

Ryan Kevin England Sr., 44, of Bedford, Kentucky, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2021, at Kindred Hospital in Louisville.

He was born on June 22, 1977, in Frankfort, Indiana, to Sarah "Suzi" Williams England and Mark Miller. He was a 1995 graduate of Frankfort High School and attended various trade schools to become a welder and an SAE Certified Mechanic. He had resided in Trimble County for 25 years and worked for O&I Transportation in Bedford as a mechanic, then for Speedco in Pendleton, Kentucky, as a diesel mechanic and most recently for Stinger Equipment in La Grange, Kentucky, as a welder. He was an avid fisherman, loved riding motorcycles, tinkering on cars and bonfires.

Survivors include his father of Milton, Kentucky; his companion of 21 years, Patty Carson of Bedford; his children, Quentin Carson, Courtney Carson and Ryan K. England Jr., all of Bedford, Rhiannon England of Lexington, Kentucky and Alexis England of Louisville; his brothers, Kurt England of Tipton, Indiana and Ken England of Carrollton, Kentucky; and two grandchildren, an aunt and several nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his mother and his sisters, Alisha England, Marci England Brescol and Lisa Munsell.

Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 27, at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, Indiana. Visitation is 4 p.m. until time of services Monday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kevin England Remembrance Fund through the funeral home. Online condolences, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Helen Parks

Helen Dean Burnett Parks, 80, of Bennington, Indiana, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, at Norton Hospital in Louisville.

She was born on Aug. 10, 1941, in Switzerland County, Indiana, to Raymond J. and Martha R. Andrew Burnett. She was raised in Switzerland County and was a 1959 graduate of Vevay High School. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in elementary education from Georgetown College in Georgetown, Kentucky, in 1963. She married Willis Gene Parks on June 6, 1964, in Mt. Sterling, Indiana, and they had two children. She taught in the Switzerland County School Corporation for 30 years as well as teaching at Lawrenceburg and Rising Sun in Indiana and at Norwood, Ohio, for a few years. She was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash and was a member of the Eggleston Club, Switzerland County Retired Teachers Association and the Switzerland County Home Economics Club. She was a board member of the Switzerland County Historical Society and very passionate about history. She was a past board member of the Community Foundation of Switzerland County, a member of Center Square Baptist Church in Center Square, Indiana, and enjoyed reading, volunteer work and story-telling.

Survivors include her husband of 57 years of Bennington; her daughter, Laura Gibson of Vevay; her son, Richard Parks of East Enterprise, Indiana; her brothers, Harold Wayne Burnett of Scipio, Indiana and Everett Burnett of Vevay; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 29, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay. Interment will follow in the Vevay Cemetery there. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Center Square Baptist Church through the funeral home or online, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

June Dunn

Anita June Dunn, 82, of Madison, Indiana, died Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021, at Scott Memorial Hospital in Scottsburg, Indiana.

She was born in Louisville on Nov. 7, 1939, to Katherine and Clayton Riggs, and formerly lived in Brooksburg, Indiana. She earned her associate degree from Spencerian College and was formerly employed at Merrick Printing. She also worked as a dietary supervisor at Hanover Nursing Center in Hanover, Indiana, and enjoyed baking, quilting, collecting fabrics, playing Scrabble, antiquing, gardening and note-writing. She was an active member of the Scott County Extension Homemakers and a member of Hiawatha Missionary Baptist Church. Her morning ritual was reading her Bible with a cup of coffee.

Survivors include her children, Richard William Dunn Jr. and Pamela Le'al; a sister, Carolyn Beanblossom; a brother, Arnold Clayton Riggs Jr.; and five grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews, great-great nieces and great-great nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Glenn Riggs; and a grandson.

A celebration of life will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 28, at the Newcomer Cremations, Funerals and Receptions, East Louisville Chapel, in Middletown, Kentucky. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park in Louisville. Visitation is 10:30 a.m. until time of service at the funeral home and the family requests that all guests wear masks.

Online condolences, www.newcomerkentuckiana.com.

Brian Lewis

Brian T. Lewis, 38, of South Bend, Indiana, died unexpectedly on Monday, Dec. 13, 2021, at his home.

He was born on Oct. 23, 1983, in Richmond, Kentucky, to Thomas M. and Anne L. Chamberlin Lewis. A former resident of Hanover, Indiana, he was employed as a news editor at Sinclair Broadcasting (WSBT) for the last five years and loved doing magic, working with films, movies and technology and computers.

Survivors include his parents; three aunts, Laura Chamberlin Williams, Carol Chamberlin Siler and Susan Lewis Novak; and his uncles, John Chamberlin and Philip Chamberlin.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, at Trinity United Methodist Church in downtown Madison, Indiana. Visitation is 1 p.m. until the time of service on the day of the memorial at the church.

Memorial contributions can be made in Brian's name to WNIT Broadcasting to help others in the industry through the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials, www.morgan-nay.com.

A celebration of life was also previously held on Monday, Dec. 20, at Hanley and Sons Funeral Home in South Bend, www.hanleyandsonsfuneralhomes.com.

Nancy Furst

Nancy L. Furst, 62, of Deputy, Indiana, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, at Norton Hospital in Louisville. Arrangements will be announced by Lytle Welty Funeral Homes & Cremation Service in Madison, Indiana, www.lytlewelty.com.

Joe Behne

Joseph Paul "Joe" Behne, 74, of Hanover, Indiana, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, at King's Daughters' Hospital in Madison.

He was born on Sept. 6, 1947, in Cincinnati, to Joseph John and Mary L. Timmers Behne. He was raised in Cincinnati and graduated from Elder High School there in 1966. He was inducted into the US Army in 1968 and rose to the rate of Private First Class serving in the Military Police during Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in 1970. He married Mary L. Stern on Jan. 31, 1970, in Cincinnati, and they had a daughter and two sons. He began his working career with Dickmans Steel Mill in Cincinnati as a supervisor. After moving to Vevay, Indiana, in 1984, he worked at Randall Textron and Spiral Fab, later moved moving to China, Indiana, in 1991, where he and his wife took care of St. Anthony Catholic Church. In 1997 they moved to Beaufort, South Carolina, and he worked as a security guard for 10 years before moving back to Jefferson County, Indiana, in 2007. He was a member of Prince of Peace Catholic Church in downtown Madison and enjoyed woodworking and was a craftsman at wiring, plumbing and construction. He had been a member of the Vevay VFW Post No. 5396 in Vevay.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years of Hanover; his daughter, Denise Behne of Hanover; his sons, Anthony "Tony" Behne and Joseph Paul Behne Jr. , both of Hanover; his sister, Mary Lieberth of Cincinnati; a brother, Edward Behne of Cincinnati; and six grandchildren, six great grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his twin brother, Thomas Behne.

Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 31, at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in downtown Madison. Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison. Visitation is 10 a.m. until time of funeral on Friday, Dec. 31, at the church.

Military Honors will be conducted on Friday, Dec. 31, at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chapel by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital through the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials, www.morgan-nay.com.

Barbara Bright

Barbara J. Bright, 79, of Bloomington, Indiana, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2021, at McCormick's Creek Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021, at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, Indiana. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until time of service on Wednesday at the funeral home. For additional details visit www.morgan-nay.com.

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In Loving Memory Of

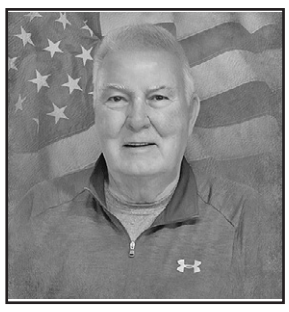
William Russell Peak

February 25, 1933 - September 25, 2021

William R. Peak, a longtime resident of Green Acres, Florida, passed away on September 25, 2021. William was known to friends and family as "Bill" or "Buddy". William was born in Madison, Indiana to William and Mary (Bayne) Peak on February 25, 1933. William was raised as the middle child along with his two brothers by his mother Mary (Bayne) Potter and step-father Robert Potter in the small town of Madison, Indiana. William attended St. Michaels Catholic School in his developing years and graduated at Emmerich Manual High School in Indianapolis, Indiana. He excelled in mathematics and as a member of his high school basketball team, fell in love with the game of basketball. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War in 1952. He reached the rank of Corporal as a Logistics Specialist stationed with the Third Marine Aircraft Wing located at MCAS Miami, Florida. William served four years in the Marine Corps where he met his wife Phyllis Query. They moved to Indianapolis, Indiana and later to St. Petersburg, Florida where they raised their five children. William was a very successful automobile salesman for the Ford Motor Company and later built his own small business where he became an Independent Building Contractor both in St. Petersburg, FL and Lake Worth, FL lasting over a span of fifty years.
In his later years he was involved with his community of Green Acres, FL and always reached out to his neighbors with a helping hand to fix any home repair problems at little or no cost. William always enjoyed his boxer-breed dogs, a good cigar and a challenging game of chess. He is survived by his former wife Phyllis Ann Peak, sons Steven Russell Peak and David Wesley Peak along with his daughter Sheryl Ann Peak and seventeen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his brothers Bennie Peak and Buford Peak, his second wife Harriet (Dores) Peak, daughter Sandra Jean (Peak) Johnson and son Robert Morris Peak. William packed a lot of living into his 88 years. His "Man's man" demeanor and genuine personality will never be replaced. He will be truly missed and always remembered with a good story to share and a smile on the faces of those that befriended and loved him. William had a funeral mass at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Boynton Beach, FL and then laid to rest at the South Florida National Cemetery, 6501 S. State Road 7, Lake Worth, FL 33449 on October 20, 2021.

In Loving Memory of

Eugene Franklin "Gene" Davenport



Mr. Eugene Franklin "Gene" Davenport, age 74, of Milton, Kentucky, and the son of Eugene Joseph and Margaret (Ducklo) Davenport, was born on April 9, 1947, in Cincinnati, Ohio. After graduating high school, he entered the United States Marines Corps where he faithfully served his country during the Vietnam Conflict. He was awarded two Purple Hearts and later retired from the Marine Corps and the Indiana National Guard after more than twenty years of service. He was united in marriage to the former Jill Ann Edwards on July 1, 2009 in Brownstown, Indiana.

Mr. Davenport was an entrepreneur. He operated a vinyl repair business in Indianapolis earlier in his civilian career. Later he became an Insurance Agent for Allstate Insurance and had offices in Beech Grove and Pendleton Pike area. Finally, he took a position as a Shelter Insurance Agent in Greenfield, IN. Shortly after, he was promoted to District Manager for the southern part of the state. He retired in 2009. He enjoyed his last 12 years working with his wife, Jill, in her Shelter Insurance Agency in Seymour.

In his spare time, he was an avid runner, former scuba diver, and enjoyed boating, Indianapolis Colts football, and socializing with his wife and friends. Throughout his lifetime, he had a great love for dogs especially his Great Dane, Sailor. He will be remembered as a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather who had an awesome love for his country and fellow man. When you stand for the American flag, remember his service. Mr. Davenport passed away on Saturday, December 18, 2021 at his home.

His life will be cherished by his wife of twelve years, Jill of Milton; his children: Kelly Davenport, Kimberly (Timothy) Cicenas, Gina Davenport, and Kristen (Benjamin) Daily; his mother, Margaret of Cincinnati, Ohio; his sisters: Pamela Godfrey of Chicago, Illinois, and Christine McGinnis (Steve) of Cincinnati; his grandchildren: Logan Cicenas, Carson Cicenas, Kyle Cicenas, and Ellison Daily. He was preceded in death by his father.

Memorial services will be held at 1:00 PM Monday, December 27, 2021 at Lytle Welty Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, Vail Chapel on Madison's hilltop, with interment to follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison. Friends and family may call at Lytle Welty Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, Vail Chapel from 11:00 AM until the time of the service on Monday.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Contributions may be made at the Lytle Welty Funeral Home or at lytlewelty.com

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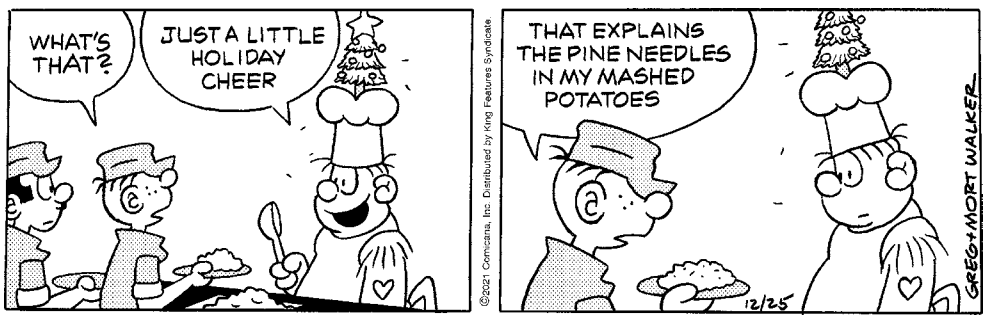
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JUST A LITTLE HOLIDAY CHEER
THAT EXPLAINS THE PINE NEEDLES IN MY MASHED POTATOES
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THAT WAS FUN! NOW, WHO VOLUNTEERS TO CLEAN UP ALL THE WRAPPING PAPER AND BOXES?
NO RUSH, DEAR...IT LOOKS LIKE DAISY HAS PLANS OF HER OWN FOR THOSE THINGS
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DENIS LEMING MARSHALL RAMSEY
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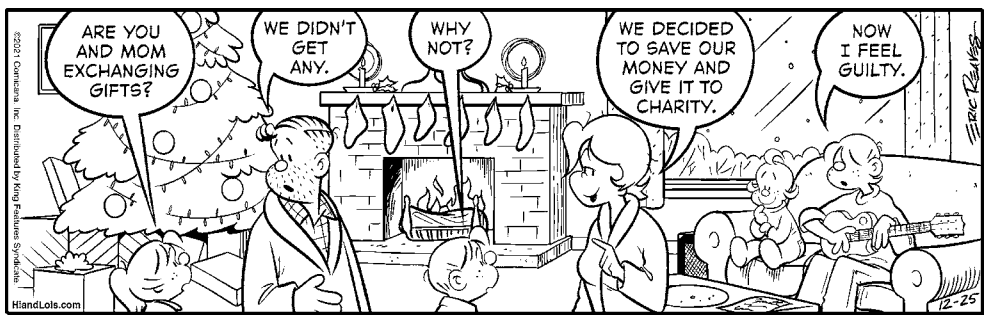
ARE YOU AND MOM EXCHANGING GIFTS?
WE DIDN'T GET ANY.
WHY NOT?
WE DECIDED TO SAVE OUR MONEY AND GIVE IT TO CHARITY.
NOW I FEEL GUILTY.
ERIC REASNER
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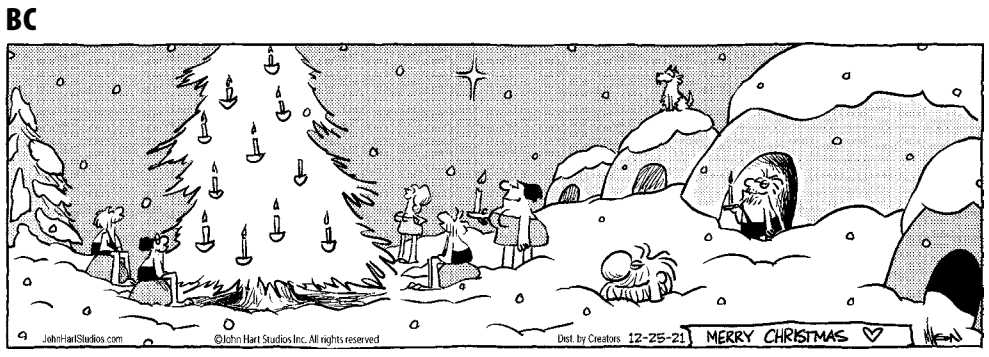

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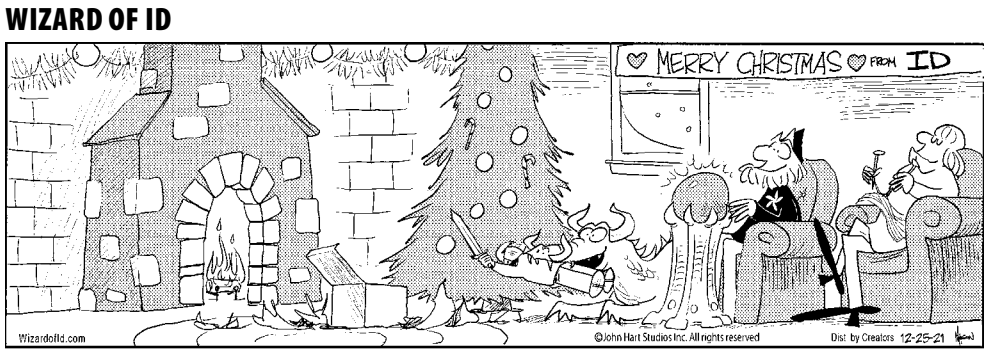

DILBERT

LET'S GO AROUND THE TABLE, AND EACH OF YOU TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOURSELF.
MY FIRST JOB WAS NIGHT JANITOR IN A ZOO, BUT I GOT FIRED FOR PETTING THE MONKEYS TOO HARD.
REALLY?
OH, SORRY. I DIDN'T THINK ANY-ONE WOULD BE LISTEN-ING.
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WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE GIFTS, GUYS?
MY SQUEAKY MOUSE!
URF!
MY CANDLE!
MINE IS BEING HERE WITH YOU
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FORT KNOX

LOOK WHO I FOUND IN THE FIREPLACE.
HOW DID HE GET LOOSE??
MAYBE HE JUST FELL DOWN THE CHIMNEY.
IMPOSSIBLE! HE WAS REALLY STUCK IN THERE.
THEN IT MUST BE A CHRISTMAS MIRACLE.
OR MY BOWLING BALL.
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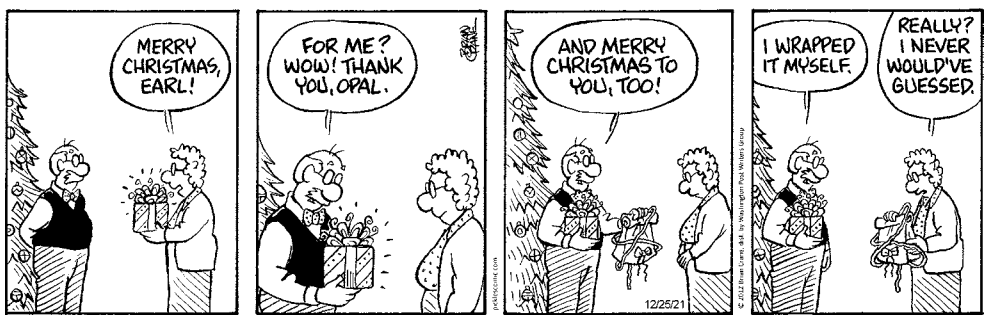
MERRY CHRISTMAS, EARL!
FOR ME? WOW! THANK YOU, OPAL.
AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU, TOO!
I WRAPPED IT MYSELF.
REALLY? I NEVER WOULD'VE GUESSED.
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DENNIS THE MENACE

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"I GUESS ALL THOSE TIMES YOU HAD ME SITTIN' IN THE CORNER... SANTA MUST'VE BEEN LOOKIN' THE OTHER WAY."

BABY BLUES

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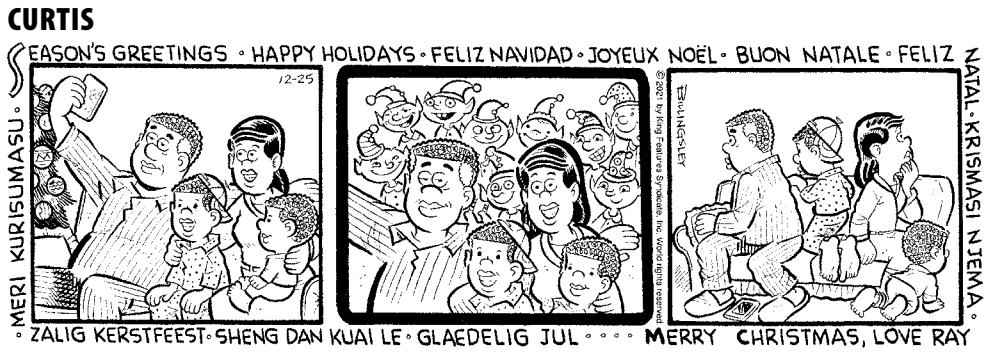
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TIM INGLES
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ZITS

Celebrating gratitude this holiday season

ANNIE **LANE**
DEAR ANNIE

Dear readers: On Thanksgiving Day, I asked you to submit responses about what you're grateful for this year. In the spirit of the season — love, gratitude, family and cheer — I want to share some of your lovely responses.

Dear Annie: I'm incredibly grateful to have built a happy home for myself. I grew up in a household with parents who were constantly fighting and bringing me in the middle of their issues. It also didn't help that we always had money issues and my parents would make me worry that we wouldn't have a house one day because it would be taken from us. Coming home was a traumatic experience. I would find any excuse to stay at a friend's house or to participate in after-school activities so I wouldn't have to face my home life. But my parents were strict, so I spent lots of time at home feeling depressed and wanting to escape.

I never pictured being with anybody because of this relationship example. But I met my current boyfriend when I was 15, and we've been together ever since. We have now lived together for two years. Our relationship is so healthy, and our home is perfect. Every day I come home to a quiet home and a loving partner. I feel so grateful to, first, have a roof over my head at all, and second, to have been able to create my own positive environment. Life is so good!! — Love Starts at Home

Dear Annie: I am thankful for my loving, supportive and wise husband of 49 years. I am thankful for my teaching career, from which I continue to learn, my kind and compassionate friends and neighbors, and this lovely God-created world and the life I am living in it. — Thanks and Gratitude in Arizona

Dear Annie: I am thankful for restoration this year! Last year, my husband of 20 years and I were separated, and I really didn't think there would be any reconciliation. After being apart for 15 months, we decided that our love was too precious and invaluable to throw away. I'm grateful for our journey and thank God for blessing me with my true soul mate. — True Love Deserves a Second Chance

Dear Annie: My daughter passed away unexpectedly on June 10, 2021, from complications of diabetes. She was 52. Her second grandchild was born on May 30 while she was in the hospital.

I am thankful that I was able to be with my granddaughter, her husband and their 3-year-old daughter and 6-month-old son on this first holiday without my wonderful daughter. My son and a couple of friends joined us. I am 82 and blessed to have been able to do this. — Blessed With a Loving Family

"Ask Me Anything: A Year of Advice From Dear Annie" is out now! Annie Lane's debut book — featuring favorite columns on love, friendship, family and etiquette — is available as a paperback and e-book. Visit http://www.creatorspublishing.com for more information. Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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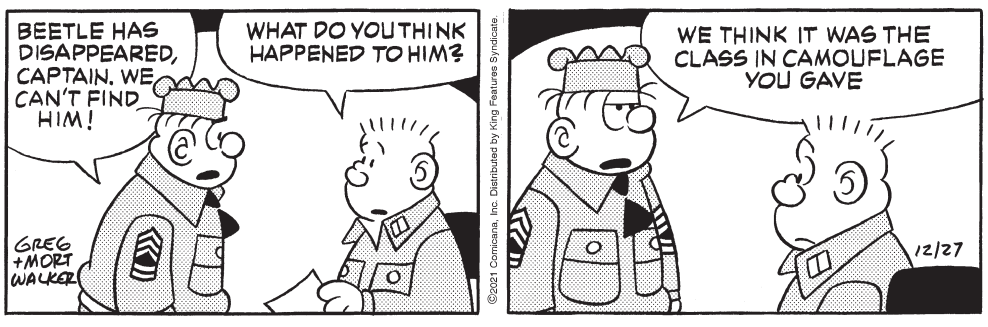
BEETLE HAS DISAPPEARED, CAPTAIN. WE CAN'T FIND HIM!
WHAT DO YOU THINK HAPPENED TO HIM?
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WE THINK IT WAS THE CLASS IN CAMOUFLAGE YOU GAVE
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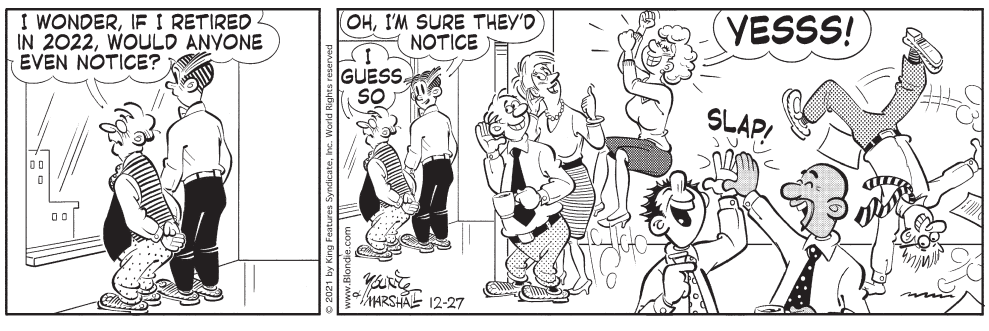
I WONDER, IF I RETIRED IN 2022, WOULD ANYONE EVEN NOTICE?
OH, I'M SURE THEY'D NOTICE
I GUESS SO
YESSS!
SLAP!
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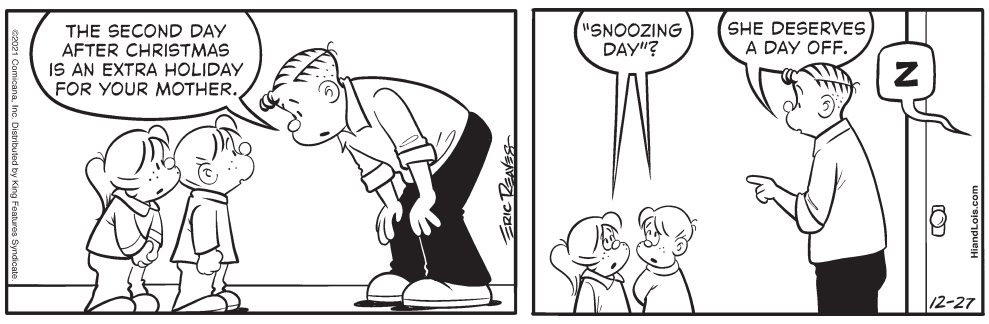
THE SECOND DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS IS AN EXTRA HOLIDAY FOR YOUR MOTHER.
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"SNOOZING DAY"?
SHE DESERVES A DAY OFF.
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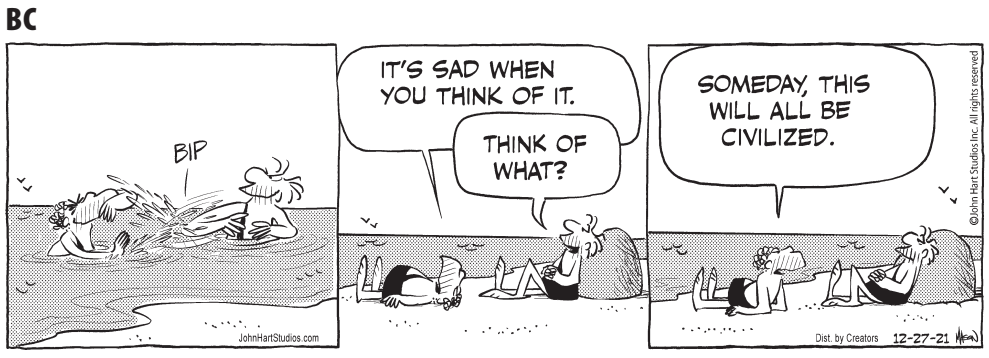

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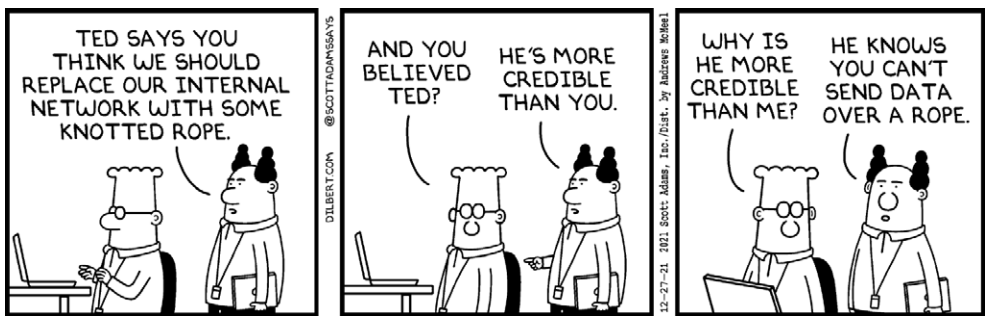
TED SAYS YOU THINK WE SHOULD REPLACE OUR INTERNAL NETWORK WITH SOME KNOTTED ROPE.
AND YOU BELIEVED TED?
HE'S MORE CREDIBLE THAN YOU.
WHY IS HE MORE CREDIBLE THAN ME?
HE KNOWS YOU CAN'T SEND DATA OVER A ROPE.
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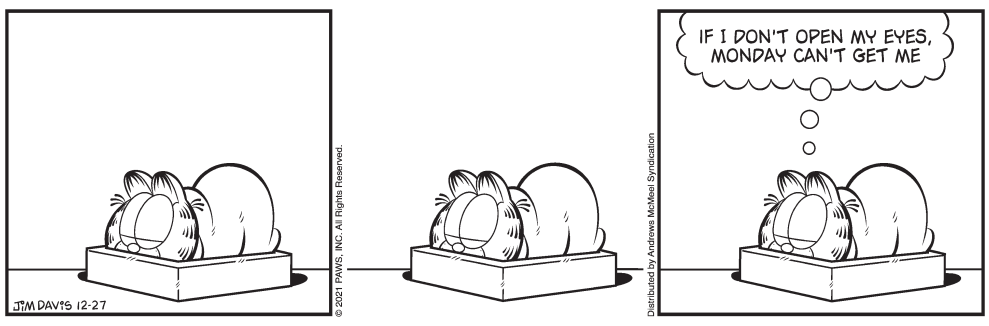
IF I DON'T OPEN MY EYES, MONDAY CAN'T GET ME
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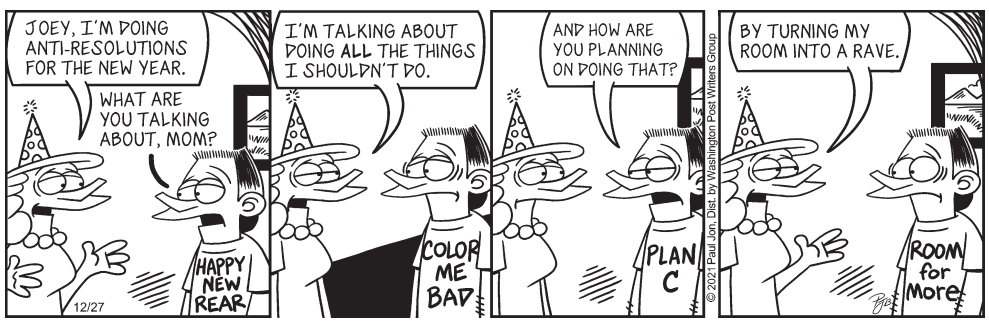
JOEY, I'M DOING ANTI-RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, MOM?
HAPPY NEW REAR
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I'M TALKING ABOUT DOING ALL THE THINGS I SHOULDN'T DO.
COLOR ME BAD
AND HOW ARE YOU PLANNING ON DOING THAT?
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BY TURNING MY ROOM INTO A RAVE.
ROOM for More
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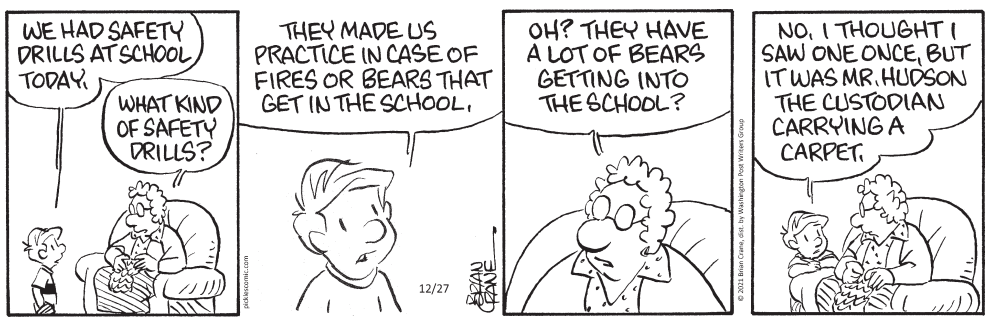
WE HAD SAFETY DRILLS AT SCHOOL TODAY.
WHAT KIND OF SAFETY DRILLS?
THEY MADE US PRACTICE IN CASE OF FIRES OR BEARS THAT GET IN THE SCHOOL.
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OH? THEY HAVE A LOT OF BEARS GETTING INTO THE SCHOOL?
NO, I THOUGHT I SAW ONE ONCE, BUT IT WAS MR. HUDSON THE CUSTODIAN CARRYING A CARPET.
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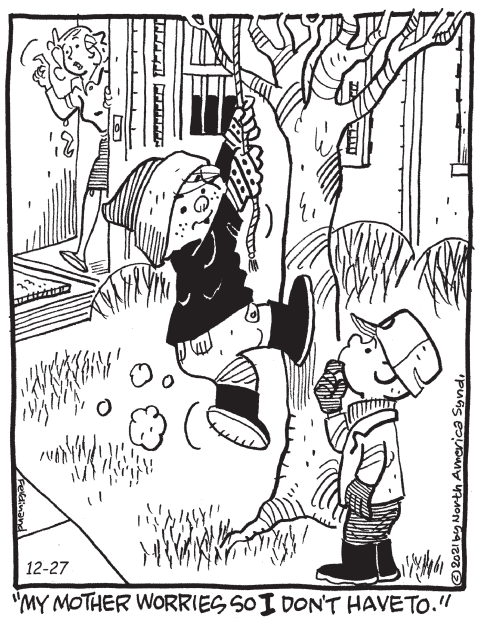
"Guess what! Santa didn't hafta bring my doll from the North Pole — it says he made it right here in the USA!"

DENNIS THE MENACE



"MY MOTHER WORRIES SO I DON'T HAVE TO."

BABY BLUES

AHHH! ANOTHER WEEK OF HOLIDAY BREAK!
YEP.
CAN I GO OVER TO TRENT'S HOUSE? WE HAVE BIG PLANS.
SUCH AS...?
DREADING GOING BACK TO SCHOOL.
GOOD USE OF YOUR TIME.
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CURTIS

IN CELEBRATION OF KWANZAA THE CAST OF "CURTIS" WILL GO ON HIATUS SO THAT WE MAY BRING TO YOU, DEAR READER, THIS ORIGINAL TALE:
THE THREE MAIDENS AND THE WATER JUG
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IT WAS A TIME OF TERRIBLE HEAT AND DROUGHT IN GHANA
THE LAND WAS SCORCHED, THE DRYING RIVER STAGNANT, AND THE PEOPLE STRUGGLED TO KEEP CROPS, CATTLE AND THEMSELVES ALIVE
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE HUT, WHICH TEEMED WITH GREEN FOLIAGE!
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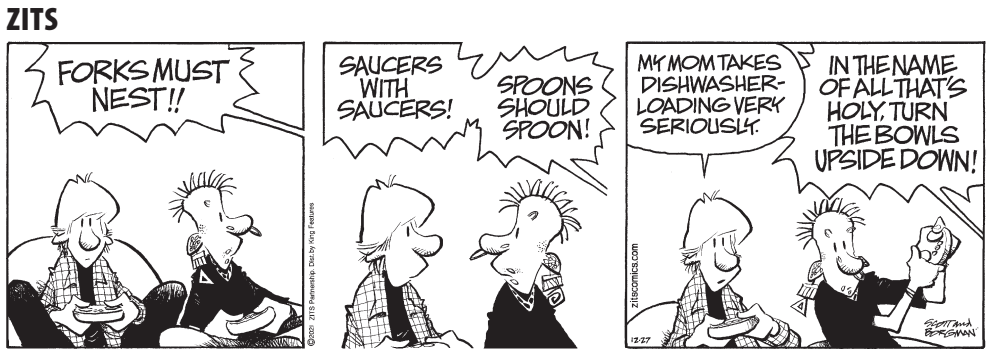
FORKS MUST NEST!!
SAUCERS WITH SAUCERS!
SPOONS SHOULD SPOON!
MY MOM TAKES DISHWASHER-LOADING VERY SERIOUSLY.
IN THE NAME OF ALL THAT'S HOLY, TURN THE BOWLS UPSIDE DOWN!
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Relatives ruining the holidays

ANNIE **LANE**
DEAR ANNIE

Dear Annie: I need some advice on how to approach my older sister about how both she and her husband conduct themselves at family gatherings. They feel entitled to anything my parents have.

The first thing you have to know about them is that they are nearly 40 years old, yet they still act like children. They heavily rely on my parents financially and have no real drive to better themselves.

My parents own a lake house and a beach rental that my sister always seems to call dibs on whenever my parents announce they will not be using them that weekend. That by itself is not bad, but it's the way that they go about it and the way they treat other people's belongings that becomes annoying. They have literally caused thousands of dollars of damage on multiple occasions, but they never even dream of paying back my parents.

They also love claiming weekends as soon as they know my parents will not be there, and then they invite their other grown-up children friends to "party." I think this has not gone unnoticed by my parents, but they have always enabled her and keep letting her do whatever she wants.

My sister and her husband are the cheapest people on the planet, but they have no problem spending my parents' money or taking advantage of any situation that my parents afford them. At family gatherings, they have a habit of getting drunk.

This involves both of them draining nice bottles of wine that my parents put out for everyone. My brother-in-law will take half a bottle in his glass and then joke about wanting to make sure he gets the good wine. My sister is the exact same way, and will empty bottles so fast that my parents, or anyone else, can barely get a glass before it is gone.

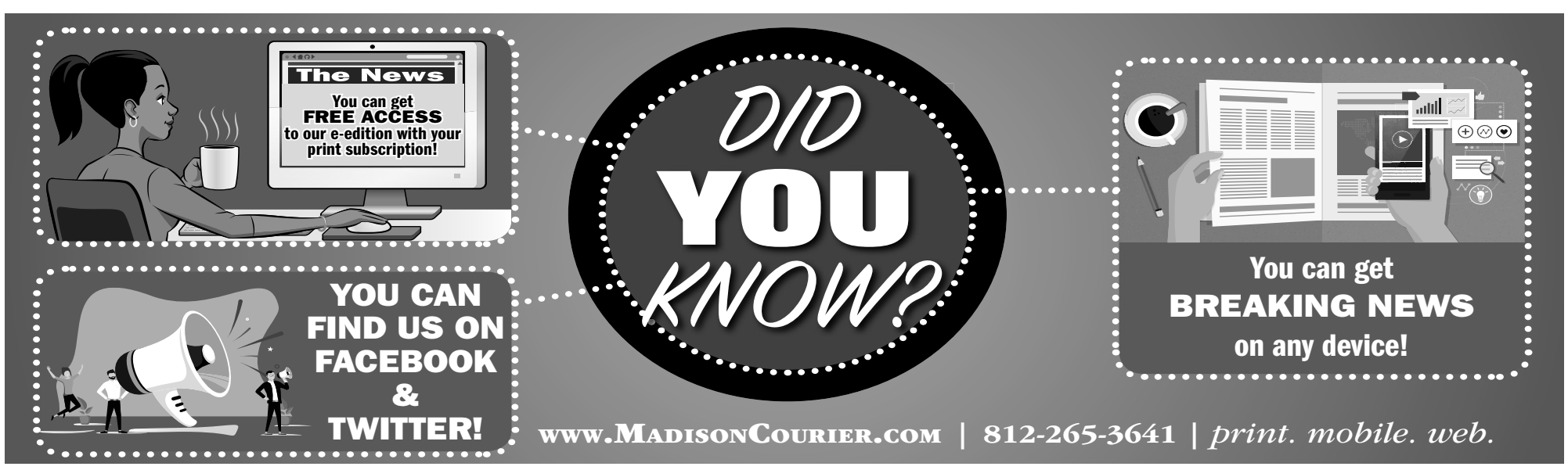
I would love to call them both out the next time they do this, but I don't want to be the one to ruin Christmas (where I know this will happen again). When facing any criticism, my sister will scream and cry like a toddler, so it has always been hard to approach her about anything.

How would you tell someone like that to grow up and think of someone other than herself? I've talked about this with my parents and know that the whole situation annoys them, too, but they still enable her and allow her to act the way she does. — Fed-Up Younger Brother

Dear Younger Brother: Wow, it is very understandable that you are fed up with your sister and brother-in-law. To say their behavior is childish, selfish and rude is an understatement. But in order for the behavior to change, the real people who have to get truly fed up are your parents. It is their wine and their lake and beach house that your sister and brother-in-law are taking advantage of. Maybe you need to have a family meeting or some sort of an intervention.

Getting sloppy drunk and taking advantage of your parents in their 40s can't do much for their self-esteem. My guess is that, deep down, your sister and brother-in-law are probably not very happy and probably need some help instead of judgement about all of their terrible behaviors.

Think of your family as a team that needs to work together, and two of your teammates are really hurting the rest of the team through their self-destructive actions.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OBITUARIES

William Peak

William R. "Billy" Peak, 88, of Green Acres, Florida and formerly of Madison, Indiana, died Sept. 25, 2021, in Green Acres.

He was born in Madison on Feb. 25, 1933, to William and Mary Bayne Peak Potter and was raised by his mother and stepfather, Robert Potter. He attended St. Michael's Catholic School and graduated at Emmerich Manual High School in Indianapolis, where he excelled in mathematics and was a member of the basketball team. He enlisted in the US Marine Corps in 1952 during the Korean War and achieved the rate of Corporal as a Logistics Specialist stationed with the Third Marine Aircraft Wing at MCAS Miami. He served four years in the Marine Corps and met and married Phyllis Query. They moved to Indianapolis and later to St. Petersburg, Florida, where they raised five children. He was a car salesman for Ford Motor Company and later built his own small business as an independent building contractor both in St. Petersburg and Lake Worth, Florida, for more than 50 years. In his later years, he was involved with his community of Green Acres, helping neighbors fix home repairs at little or no cost. He enjoyed boxer dogs, a good cigar and a challenging game of chess.

Survivors include his former wife, Phyllis Ann Peak; his sons Steven Russell Peak and David Wesley Peak; a daughter, Sheryl Ann Peak; and 17 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Bennie Peak and Buford Peak; his second wife, Harriet Dores Peak; a daughter, Sandra Jean Peak Johnson; and a son, Robert Morris Peak.

A funeral mass was held previously at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Boynton Beach, Florida. Burial was Oct. 20, 2021, at the South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth.

Jeanne Luker

Jeanne Patricia Dovzak Luker, 91, of Hanover, Indiana, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021, at her home after a three-year battle with metastatic breast cancer.

She was born on July 26, 1930, to Nick and Nettie Ferenc Dovzak, on the lower east side of New York City. She grew up in a walkup, cold-water flat on Canal Street as the eighth of nine children to immigrant parents. Her first job was as a telephone operator. She met her husband, Charles R. Luker, in Lakewood, New Jersey, where they were later married on July 2, 1955. They had two daughters and a son and resided in Howell, New Jersey, from 1955 to 1995 where she was a homemaker and daycare provider. When her husband retired from the US Postal Service in 1995, they relocated to Hanover, Indiana, to be near their daughter and her family. She was a lifelong, avid reader even as macular degeneration progressed later in life to take most of her sight. She continued to read by listening to audiobooks recommended by friends, family and the local library. After moving to Indiana, she often volunteered at the Salvation Army. She enjoyed visiting the riverboat with her husband, spending time together with family over food and especially eating out at Ponderosa, 88 King Buffett, and El Nopalito. Despite her diagnosis with breast cancer, she never slowed down and lived a full, happy life.

Survivors include her husband of 66 years; her daughters, Denise Hughes and Kathee Johnson; her grandsons Jamie Hughes, Matt Johnson, John Luker Jr. and Tim Johnson; and a great granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, John Luker; her five brothers, Alex, George, William, John and Bill; and her three sisters Elsie, Helen and Gloria.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 27, at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, in Madison. Interment will follow at a later date in the Hope Chapel Cemetery in Lakewood. Visitation is 10:30 a.m. until time of services Monday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation through the funeral home. Online condolences and memorials, www.morgan-nay.com.

Robbie Hensler

Robbie Joe Hensler, 74, of Bradenton, Florida and formerly of Hanover, Indiana, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, in Largo, Florida.

He was born on March 27, 1947, in Madison, Indiana, to Charles Morris and Pauline Sams Hensler. He was raised in the Hanover community and graduated from Southwestern High School in 1965. He attended Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and was later inducted into the US Air Force in 1967 during the Vietnam war and served in Germany and was honorably discharged. He worked in real estate, constructing homes, and in the family business. He enjoyed politics and working in the Republican party. He enjoyed the water including boating and fishing, playing Bingo, had a great interest in trivia, and loved socializing. He was a member of Hanover United Methodist Church, the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion, the Hanover Masonic Lodge No. 652, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis, and the Madison Elks Lodge No. 524.

Survivors include his mother of Hanover; his daughter, Carlene Hensler Meloy of Clearwater, Florida; his sister, Deborah Ciganovich-Skladzien of Hanover; and two grandchildren, two nieces a great nephew and great niece, an aunt and numerous cousins and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Private services will be held at a later date in Bradenton and at the Kent Cemetery in Kent, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Kent Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriner's Children's Hospital through the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Hanover and Madison. Online condolences and memorials, www.morgan-nay.com.

Dorothy Richardson

Dorothy Dodd Richardson, 96, of Indianapolis, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2021, at the home of her daughter in Indianapolis.

She was born on Feb. 16, 1925, in Paris Crossing, Indiana, to Eldo and Cora Deputy Dodd. She was a 1943 graduate of Paris Crossing High School and a 1951 graduate of Methodist Hospital School of Nursing. She married Norbert "Rick" Richardson on Jan. 18, 1952, in Indianapolis. She retired as a school nurse in 1985 from the Lawrence Township School System in Indianapolis. She was a former member of Oaklandon Christian Church, now Outlook Christian Church, in Oaklandon, Indiana. She volunteered for many organizations and in the Lawrence Township School System. She loved traveling, camping on the Ohio River, golfing and serving her church.

Survivors include her daughter, Sherri Falise of Indianapolis; four grandchildren, Israel Richardson of North Vernon, Indiana, Adrienne Ryan of California and Ericka Diallo and Courtney Thomas, both of Indianapolis; and four great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 59 years on Jan. 24, 2011; a son, Reginald Richardson; her brothers, Joseph, Walter, George, Roger and Ralph Dodd; her sister, Margaret Reese; and a grandson.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the family will hold private services. Burial will be in the Coffee Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Paris Crossing. Arrangements entrusted to Dove-Sharp & Rudicel Funeral Home and Cremation Service in North Vernon. Online condolences and memorials may be made to Outlook Christian Church through the funeral home or online, www.doveshar-prudicel.com.

COUNTIES

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Jefferson County reported 30 new positive cases yesterday along with a 7-day positivity of 14.0% and 29.5% among unique individuals. The county has now had 6,539 positive cases overall with 15,845 residents fully vaccinated — about 52.1% of the population.

Switzerland County reported three new cases but no additional deaths and a 7-day positivity of 19.2% and 27.4% among unique individuals. The county has now had 1,580 positive cases overall and 14 total deaths. Switzerland has 3,510 residents fully vaccinated for about 34.7% of the population.

Across the river in Kentucky, Trimble County reported three new COVID-19 cases, no additional deaths and an incidence rate of 70.8 per 100,000 over the last seven days while Carroll County reported nine new cases, no additional deaths and an incidence rate of 87.3 per 100,000 over the last seven days.

Trimble has recorded 1,481 total cases and 28 total deaths while Carroll has seen 2,302 cases and 34 total deaths. Trimble's vaccination rate is 47% while Carroll's vaccination rate is 49%.

COVID-19 data reporting will be suspended through Sunday during the Christmas holiday but resume on Monday evening.

The Jefferson County Health Department's latest advisory on Tuesday urged "universal masking for all individuals in indoor public settings regardless of vaccination status" heading into the holidays when many residents will be participating in holiday events with family and friends.

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Southwestern's Zach Cole (20) finds his path to the basket blocked by a trio of Jay County Patriots during the JCIT semifinals on Wednesday.

Bomholt gets 'bittersweet' win

Jay County knocks off Southwestern in JCIT semis

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

It was a game that Jerry Bomholt would rather have avoided. Less than two years after leaving Southwestern's program under less than ideal conditions, his new team was squaring off against the Rebels on the hardwood.

Bomholt's Jay County Patriots outlasted Southwestern 53-45 in the semifinals of the Jefferson County Invitational Tournament at Madison on Wednesday, doing all of the things that Bomholt teams do down the stretch, from taking care of the ball to hitting free throws. And while he was glad to get the 563rd win of his career, he was more happy that it was over.

"It's bittersweet really. I'm glad it's over done with. I would much rather have not coached this game tonight. I would have rather faced anybody else in the tournament," Bomholt said. "It was much more difficult than you can imagine seeing those kids on that other sideline, a special kid like Zach Cole and Colton Cloud and those guys. It was really fun though. They've obviously improved tremendously and made themselves a pretty good basketball team and I think they're good enough to probably win their sectional if they play at a high level."

Southwestern has moved on from Bomholt's traditional defensive style under former assistant coach Zac Nussbaum, but the DNA is still a part of

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Jay County head coach Jerry Bomholt, a former Southwestern and Shawe coach, talks to an official during the Patriots' win over Southwestern in the JCIT semifinals on Wednesday.

Pacers bowled over by powerful Tech in JCIT opener

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

When Switzerland County head coach Travis Wrightsman emerged from the locker room after his team's 50-point loss to Indianapolis Tech, the veteran coach had a smile on his face. It was all that he could do.

Switzerland played hard and never quit but none of that impacted powerful Tech, which dunked and shot its way to a dominating 81-31 win in the opening round of the Jefferson County Invitational Tournament at Madison on Wednesday afternoon.

Wrightsman had no delusions about what his team faced and came into the game fully expecting a blowout. For the veteran coach, the game wasn't about winning or losing but a chance for his still young squad to see one of the best teams in the state.

"I've only been at Switzerland County two years now but that's probably the best team Switzerland County's ever played," Wrightsman said. "When you're top 10 in the state and you've got a couple guys like Reggie Bass who is a Division I commit, you know that you're going to be good. It was good for our guys to see that speed and be able to hopefully adjust and learn from it down the road."

Bass, the electric 6-foot-5 senior swingman who recently de-commited from Illinois, was the Titans' star but Tech was by no means a one-man show. In fact, Bass had only 10 points in the game as he allowed his teammates to take over.

For as athletic as Tech was — Antonio Lisenbee showed

Chloe Preocanin

Arsenal Tech's Matt Spears (23) blocks Switzerland County's Cam Craig as Tech's RaSheed Jones (1) defends from behind during the JCIT on Wednesday.

that with a powerful two-handed jam just a minute into the game — it was the Titans' outside game that murdered the Pacers. RaSheed Jones knocked down four 3-pointers in the first quarter and Tylan Harris came off the bench to hit four more treys in the second as Tech built a 47-20 halftime lead.

The Titans connected on 15 3-pointers in the game overall while dominating the paint and scooping up what few misses they had. Eight different players scored in the game with four going for double figures.

Despite all that Wrightsman was pleased. The Pacers turned the ball over just 12 times against the much bigger and faster Titans and seven different players found the scoring column.

"We knew coming in that the speed was something that you can't simulate in practice. You really can't simulate it with any of our opponents," Wrightsman said. "I think we had some good shots and we moved the ball but the speed was still a struggle. But I thought our kids competed and played hard."

Super freshman Cam Craig led Switzerland County with 11 points, 13 under his average and the fewest points he has scored in his young career. Bryce Wrightsman and Ben Hicks scored five points each and Jacob Williams had four.

Jones ended up with six 3-pointers and scored 18 points to lead Tech while Harris had five treys and scored 15 points. Dayveon Turner added 14 points and Bass scored 10.

Tech (7-2) outlasted highly-ranked Warren Central (Ky.) 77-73 in the semifinals late Wednesday night and advanced to face Jay County in the JCIT championship game on Thursday night.

Switzerland County (4-3) played Madison in the consolation semifinals early Thursday afternoon and then squared off against either Silver Creek or Scottsburg in the final game. Wrightsman said it was important to finish off the tournament on a high note.

"We've got to forget this game and move on. We're gonna play a team that I feel like we're gonna be able to compete and be competitive with, probably in two games tomorrow," Wrightsman said. "Obviously, the big thing is get a win tomorrow early on against Madison.

David Campbell

Madison's Quincy Reynolds (12) has his shot blocked by Warren Central's Kade Unseld during Wednesday's JCIT game at home.

Madison has no answers for Warren Central in JCIT loss

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Nobody was sure what to expect from Warren Central, the Bowling Green, Kentucky, school making its first appearance in the Jefferson County Invitational Tournament. After 32 minutes of domination by the Dragons, all questions were answered.

Warren Central, ranked No. 1 or No. 2 in the state of Kentucky depending on which computer ranking you prefer, scored 30 points in the first quarter and rolled to an 84-31 win over Madison in the opening round of the JCIT on Wednesday.

The 53-point loss was Madison's second-worst by margin in school history, and just two points shy of the 55-point blowout the Cubs were handed by Shelbyville in 1979. It was also Warren's largest win since 2005 and fourth-highest ever on the road.

Madison coach Adam Stotts knew the Dragons were good after watching them on film. But like everybody else, he thought they were even better in person.

"We saw on film that they were pretty big and athletic. So for us, coming into the game, we wanted to try to force them to shoot threes," Stotts said. "And they ended up being able to shoot really well, too. It's hard when there's not really an Achilles' heel on the team. I thought we played pretty hard in the first half and we're still down 20, 25 points."

Madison's plan to force Warren Central to the perimeter backfired in a big way. The Dragons hit five 3-pointers in a 30-point first quarter that saw them rip off a 19-4 closing run to take a 30-15 lead at the quarter break. Four more treys and 23 points gave Warren a 53-26 lead at halftime and the game was all but over.

Warren shot 53% (30-for-57) for the game, including 15-for-33 (46%) from the 3-point line, while outrebounding the Cubs 40-26 and forcing 15 turnovers. Madison,

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CALENDAR

Friday, Dec. 24

BASKETBALL

Carroll Co. boys, Swauger Holiday Classic at Bellevue, TBA

Saturday, Dec. 25

No local events

Monday, Dec. 27

BASKETBALL

CAM boys, Columbus Holiday Tournament, TBA
Trimble Co. girls vs. Washington Co., Don Franklin Classic at Cumberland Co., 2 p.m.
Shawe boys host Crothersville, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 28

BASKETBALL

CAM boys, Columbus Holiday Tournament, TBA
Southwestern girls vs. Brownstown/Loogootee, Toby Yoho Classic at Eastern (Greene), 2:45 p.m./6 p.m.
Carroll Co. boys vs. Thomas Nelson, Fuller Ford Classic at Pendleton Co., 6 p.m.

Jackson-Davis, Indiana start fast, beat NKU 79-61

BY THE ASSSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON — Trayce Jackson-Davis made his first three shots, scored 21 points with three dunks and zero turnovers as Indiana cruised to a 79-61 win over Northern Kentucky on Wednesday night.

Jackson-Davis, the top returning scorer in the Big Ten, was 9-of-11 shooting with six rebounds, four assists and two blocked shots. Race Thompson scored 14 points, shooting 7 of 9, for Indiana (10-2), which is 9-0 at home.

Sophomore Anthony Leal scored two points with four rebounds and five assists in his first start for the Hoosiers. Eleven of 12 players scored as the bench chipped in 31 points. Leal was the first Bloomington native to start for Indiana since March 28, 2013.

Indiana opened an 8-2 lead in a little more than three minutes, and a 16-0 run over eight minutes shortly after had the Hoosiers solidly in control, 24-5. The Norse (4-7) scored 14 points in the first half, matching the fewest allowed by Indiana this season.

Worse, Northern Kentucky's second-best scorer, Trevon Faulkner headed to the bench with two fouls in the first 3:22. Faulkner caught fire in the second half going off for all of his 22 points with four 3-pointers.

Northern Kentucky, after shooting 16% in the first half, outscored Indiana 47-41 in the second, shooting 59%.

Grady, Tshiebwe help No. 20 Kentucky rout WKU 95-60

BY GARY B. GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — As teammate Kellan Grady strung together long jumpers, Oscar Tshiebwe outrebounded Western Kentucky all by himself on a record-breaking night that supplanted Hall of Famer Shaquille O'Neal.

Grady made six 3-pointers and scored a season-high 23 points, Tshiebwe grabbed a Rupp Arena-record 28 rebounds and No. 20 Kentucky used an 18-2 second-half run to blow out the Hilltoppers 95-60 on Wednesday.

"Coach wanted me to shoot, my teammates (were) pressing me to shoot the ball and make shots," said Grady, who struggled from outside just a few games ago. "And ultimately, I believed in myself as well."

TyTy Washington Jr. added 20 points and Jacob Toppin scored 12 as the Wildcats (9-2) routed their second consecutive substitute opponent. The in-state Hilltoppers (8-5) were added Monday after the postponement of Kentucky's scheduled matchup against archrival Louisville because of positive COVID-19 tests within the Cardinals' program. The Wildcats thumped North Carolina 98-69 on Saturday in Las Vegas.

Kentucky coach John Calipari wasn't shy with his praise.

"I've got a very, very smart basketball team," said Calipari, whose team totaled 27 assists. "And, this is crazy, I've got some older guys that understand how to be engaged, how to be laser focused. They know because they play. I got some young guys that are still learning, but I've got a veteran group."

Josh Anderson scored 18 points and Camron Justice had 13 for WKU, which was coming off an 82-72 victory over Louisville.

Kentucky's schedule switch also required adjusting to 7-foot-5 WKU center Jamarion Sharp — college basketball's tallest player — which it did behind Grady's outside shooting and Tshiebwe's dominance on the boards.

Grady went 6 of 9 from long range and 7 of 10 overall for his best performance since transferring from Davidson. Tshiebwe scored 14 points and topped his previous Kentucky-player Rupp Arena mark of 20 boards against Robert Morris midway through the second half. His 21st rebound tied O'Neal's record with LSU against the Wildcats on Feb. 15, 1990, with the 22nd following soon after and then some.

Tshiebwe flirted with 30 before being pulled with 2:06 remaining as the Wildcats owned the glass 50-27. He acknowledged several rounds of cheers before sitting down for the final minutes.

"That's amazing, to get 28 rebounds in a game," the nation's rebounding leader said. "It is a blessing and I just want to give all the glory to God because I don't think I can do that on my own. It is something great, you work harder and everything is going to be so easy."

WKU pulled to 37-33 early in the second half before Grady scored 11 points during the decisive run that broke open the game.

Army last-second FG stuns Missouri in Armed Forces Bowl

BY THE ASSSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH, Texas — Cole Talley kicked a 41-yard field goal as time expired and Army rallied to beat Missouri 24-22 in the Armed Forces Bowl on Wednesday night.

After the Tigers took a 22-21 lead on a touchdown with 1:11 to play, third-string quarterback Jabari Laws led Army (9-4) downfield to the Missouri 24-yard line, setting up Talley's game-winner.

Talley, who went to high school about 60 miles east of Fort Worth in Rockwall, Texas, said he was thinking about the brotherhood of Army football players when he went out for the final kick.

"I'd do anything for them, and they'd do anything for me," said Talley, who missed his only two previous attempts this season from beyond 40 yards — including a 43-yard try in the first quarter.

"We trust Cole," Army coach Jeff Monken said. "What a great way for the team to end the season and these seniors to end their careers."

One of those seniors was Laws, who was the Black Knights' starting quarterback in 2019 before a knee injury sidelined him. He didn't play at all last season following a second surgery.

"I feel like I'm in a movie right now," said Laws, who was 2-of-4 passing on the final drive.

Army backup quarterback Tyhier Tyler came on after starter Christian Anderson injured an ankle late in the third quarter and threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Walters to give the Black Knights their first lead, 21-16. Anderson and JaKobi Buchanan scored on TD runs of 22 and 10 yards, respectively, for Army.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Brady Cook threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Keke Chism with 71 seconds left to put the Tigers (6-7) ahead, but his two-point conversion pass sailed over the head of an open Dawson Downing in the end zone. Cook also ran for a 30-yard score in his first collegiate start.

"I did some good things," Cook said. "Missed the throw when it mattered most."

Missouri played without second-team All-America running back Tyler Badie, who was held out by coach Eliah Drinkwitz in advance of the NFL draft. Starting quarterback Connor Bazelak was sidelined because of a leg injury.

Cook completed 27 of 34 passes for 238 yards and ran for 53 more.

Buchanan led Army in rushing with 68 yards on 21 carries. Elijah Young was the Tigers' top rusher with 75 yards on 13 carries.

In the second half, Missouri was stopped on downs at the Army 43 and lost a fumble by Downing at Army's 48.

"Obviously in the second half the turnover was huge," Drinkwitz said. "Disappointed for our team, especially our seniors. Just a difficult way to lose the game."

THE TAKEAWAY

Missouri: The Tigers were hampered going in by a short-handed secondary that then lost multiple players in the first half. Army threw one pass in the first half, good for 42 yards, and was 5 for 8 in the second half for 53 yards. The Black Knights entered 128th out of 130 FBS teams, averaging 94.8 yards passing per game.

Army: The Black Knights snapped a seven-game losing streak to Power Five teams with their first win since 2017. There were some close calls during the streak, including to Oklahoma (28-21) and Michigan (24-21).

FIVE-TOOL PLAYER?

Army senior linebacker Arik Smith was selected the game's most valuable player with 12 tackles, 2½ for loss, and two sacks. Monken was impressed by Smith's maturity as a recruit, learning on a home visit that Smith finished the family basement.

"Plumbing. Electrical. Finish work. All of it," Monken recalled. "I mean, who does that?"

KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Ogburn's double-double leads Trimble over CEC

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Trimble County boys basketball wrapped up play in the Iroquois Invitational with a 62-59 win over the Christian Educational Consortium on Wednesday.

Tate Ogburn had a big double-double of 16 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Raiders while Dalton Penick scored 16 points. James Thomas Wilcoxson added 12 points and Ethan Horn and Hunter Kelly each scored nine.

Trimble, now 4-7, squares off against Bishop Brossart in the opening round of the Henry County Invitational on Tuesday.

TRIMBLE GIRLS DROP TWO

Trimble County girls basketball suffered a pair of losses in the Assumption Holiday Classic.

On Wednesday, the Raiders fell 69-46 to Great Crossing. Jolie Wilcoxson had 16 points to lead Trimble, Addison Edmondson scored 11 and Payton Butters and Danielle Craig scored six each.

On Thursday morning, Trimble lost 68-33 to Paducah Tilghman. Edmondson had 11 points, Hannah Chilton scored six and Craig had four.

Trimble, now 1-8 on the season, opens play in the Don Franklin Classic at Cumberland County against the tourney hosts on Monday.

CARROLL BOYS FALL TO HOLY CROSS

Carroll County boys basketball suffered a 61-22 loss to Covington Holy Cross in the Swauger Holiday Classic at Bellevue on Wednesday.

The Panthers, now 0-10 on the season, wrapped up the tournament with a game against Bishop Brossart on Thursday and then a final game on Friday against an opponent to be determined. Carroll next faces Thomas Nelson in the Fuller Ford Phillip Wood Classic at Pendleton County on Tuesday.

No. 20 Notre Dame women fend off DePaul 91-86

BY THE ASSSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Maya Dodson scored 28 points and grabbed eight rebounds and Maddy Westbeld scored 22 and 20th-ranked Notre Dame held off DePaul for a 91-86 win on Wednesday night.

Aneesah Morrow scored 19 and had 10 rebounds and Lexi Held 18 for DePaul.

Dodson finished 13-for-21 shooting and collected seven offensive rebounds. Westbeld went 7 for 10 and missed only two of 10 free throws and Olivia Miles scored 20, had eight assists and six rebounds. Anaya Peoples grabbed nine rebounds; five on the offensive end for the Irish (11-2).

Notre Dame had a whopping 51-26 rebounding advantage with almost half (24) coming on the offensive leading to 29-second chance points.

Westbeld made 1 of 2 foul shots with 14 seconds left to give the Irish an 89-86 lead. Off the miss, DePaul failed to secure it and the deflected ball ended up back to Westbeld who was fouled and this time sank both to seal it.

Notre Dame led 72-59 after three quarters before the Blue Demons (11-3) went on a 13-2 run and were within 74-72 on Kierra Collier's layup with 6:51 left. DePaul drew within a point twice from there but never pushed past.

Aneesah Morrow scored 19 and had 10 rebounds and Lexi Held 18 for DePaul.

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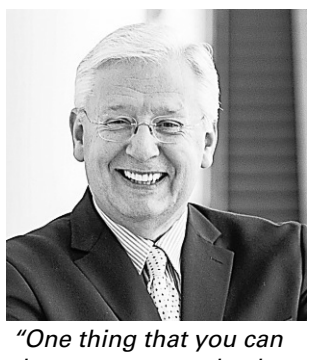

"One thing that you can always count on, death and taxes." Steve Dybwad

Layin It On The Line

By Stephen Dybwad
Retirement Planning/ Wealth Management

When you own a home, you are liable for the property taxes assessed on your property. The taxes collected on your property pay your share of the cost of local schools, government, and several other local and other programs. The biggest mistake many homeowners make is overpaying these taxes. You have rights and have the opportunity only to pay your fair share of the taxes assessed. You have options available to you to make sure the assessment on your home is fair. However, you do not have to overpay to be honoring your civic duty by paying taxes. There are several things that can be done to lower your taxes and help keep the cost of owning a home down.

Fair Assessment:

The most important thing is a **fair and accurate assessment** of the value of your home. Each year (or every 3 years), the county tax assessor will evaluate the value of your home and any new improvements made to it. The tax assessor will also take into consideration the "fair market value" of any homes sold (also known as comparables) in your area and the replacement cost of your home. Once the tax assessor determines your property value, the liability can be established. Schools, municipal areas, county, and special tax districts determine your actual taxes. The assessments from the taxing districts cannot be contested. The tax assessor has leeway and discretion in evaluating each piece of property. The evaluation should be fair, and you have the right to complain and argue with this valuation. If you can successfully argue a lower valuation, your tax liability will be lower.

The easiest way to lower the evaluation is to discuss with the person who determines your home value Information you can provide regarding similar home valuations in your area will all help you make your point of the argument. Most tax assessors will allow you to discuss the evaluation of your home and generally will negotiate these values when a factual statement is made.

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Many states allow for the filing of a Homestead Exemption Act to lower the value of your home. This filing protects the allowable state limit of the Homestead Act and will reduce the value of your home by that amount. The reduction in the value of your home will lower the tax overall tax liability of your property taxes.

Many counties in this country allow for a senior citizen's tax exemption. This exemption is based on the overall income of the occupant of the home. Each state or county will have its own rules and exemptions, so your local county tax assessor should be contacted.

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The most important thing to remember is that you have rights, and you can argue for those rights. Most homeowners who ask for a re-assessment of their home value will receive a benefit adjustment.

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Celtics sign 40-year-old Johnson to 10-day contract

BY KEN POWTAK
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BOSTON — Joe Johnson knew there was always a chance he could get back into the NBA, especially with the recent increase of COVID-19 cases.

It happened Wednesday when the The Boston Celtics signed the 40-year-old Johnson to a 10-day contract before their 111-101 victory over thee Cleveland Cavaliers.

The crowd chanted "We Want Joe! "We Want Joe!"" and broke into a loud cheer when he got off the bench and came into the game. He got a huge ovation when he hit a fallaway jumper in the final minute.

"It is kind of surreal," Johnson said. "To come into the game and be somewhat effective, that's fun. At my age you try to relish every moment, enjoy the process and live in the moment. That's kind of what I'm doing right now, living in the moment and it's fun."

Johnson knows people will first talk about his age when they see he's back in the league for the first time since 2018.

"I don't look at my age and say, 'I can't play with these guys,' " Johnson said before the game. "I know it's a young man's game, but at the same time, like I said, I pay a lot of attention to my body."

Johnson started his NBA career with Boston when he was drafted 10th overall in 2001. The seven-time All-Star played 1,276 regular-season games through the 2017-18 season, averaging 16.0 points with the Celtics, Phoenix, Atlanta, Brooklyn, Miami, Utah and Houston.

To stay in shape, Johnson said he's been working out in the gym with his 14-year-old son.

"I wouldn't say 'give up,' but I didn't have high hopes," Johnson said his thoughts about getting another chance.

Now, he's got an example for his son.

"I always talk to him about work, you can't see what's next," he said.

Johnson was signed because Boston has seven players in the NBA's COVID protocols.

"I think it is a different situation," Boston coach Ime Udoka said about his added veteran presence "It's a guy that all looked up to at some point. Jayson (Tatum) specifically started smiling and said: 'That was one of my favorite players growing up.'"

Johnson found out from his agent when he was out celebrating his daughter's eighth birthday.

"When my agent called me yesterday and said this was on the table, it was a no-brainer for me." he said. "I'm a guy that takes care of my body and I'm in pretty good shape. I felt like I was ready to take on that challenge."

Tight AFC North prepares for wild finish to regular season

BY NOAH TRISTER
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OWINGS MILLS, Md. — The postseason is arriving early for the AFC North.

That's how Baltimore offensive lineman Kevin Zeitler sees it, at least.

"I'd say every week from here on out is a playoff game," said Zeitler, a 10-year veteran now playing for his third AFC North team.

Welcome to the NFL's perfect storm of parity. The co-leaders of the AFC North — Baltimore and Cincinnati — are also just a game ahead of last-place Cleveland. Sandwiched between in third place are the Pittsburgh Steelers, who would be part of that first-place deadlock if not for a tie against what was then a winless Detroit team.

Nobody in the AFC North is below .500. In fact, nobody's been below .500 since Pittsburgh was 2-3 after Week 5. There's another division — the AFC West — with everyone at .500 or better, but Kansas City has a two-game lead atop that group, which could make the finish a bit less suspenseful.

No such problems in the AFC North, where each team will play two of its last three games within the division. And the four remaining non-divisional matchups are awfully compelling: Browns-Packers and Steelers-Chiefs this week, followed by Bengals-Chiefs and Ravens-Rams on Jan. 2.

In Week 18, the Steelers visit Baltimore and the Bengals play at Cleveland. If not for that Pittsburgh tie against the Lions, a four-way deadlock at 9-8 would be a remarkably realistic scenario.

"If you've been doing this for a while, obviously rookies won't understand, but really you just got to get in, right? You got to peak at the right time," Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger said. "And I'm not saying we're peaking or we're close to it, but we're winning the games that we, you know, are the close games or we're coming back, we're fighting. So we know that there is a little bit of life and we'll just keep fighting one week at a time."

Maybe we should have known something was up after Week 2, when all four teams in the AFC North stood at 1-1. Since then, Baltimore has held at least a share of the division lead after every week, but when the Ravens have had sole possession of it, it's never been by more than a game. Now, a three-game Baltimore losing streak has helped the Bengals (8-6) pull even.

The Ravens (8-6) play at Cincinnati this weekend with the winner taking over first place alone.

"We know we have a great challenge this week," said Zeitler, who is in his first season with the Ravens after playing previously for the Giants, Browns and Bengals. "They're playing very well. We're going to have to give it everything we've got to take care of business."

The situation in the AFC North is an extreme version of what's been happening all around the league. There are 27 teams still with a mathematical chance to win the Super Bowl. That equals the most in NFL history with three weeks left in the regular season.

This is only the second season in AFC history (the other was 2002) in which 13 teams have .500-or-better marks through 15 weeks.

"The whole AFC feels like it's kind of a jumbled mess at times," Roethlisberger said. "I think our division could be argued as one of the toughest in the NFL, and so we're constantly beating each other up."

Pittsburgh (7-6-1) has that tie against Detroit to look back on with regret. Cleveland (7-7) also could be in a tie for first if not for a last-second Las Vegas field goal that beat the Browns on Monday night.

The Steelers and Browns are both underdogs this week, and since Baltimore and Cincinnati can't both lose, a defeat would be costly for Pittsburgh or Cleveland.

The urgency is obvious for those teams. Then again, a loss would be a huge setback for anyone in this division at the moment.

"Try and go to 10-7. That is the goal," Browns defensive tackle Malik Jackson said. "We understand the position we are in. We understand we need to start helping ourselves, get some wins and put ourselves in the postseason."

Veterans fill 2021 sports year with memorable moments

BY JOHN MARSHALL
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Not even Father Time could get one over on Tom Brady.

Cementing his argument as the NFL's greatest quarterback, Brady switched teams and kept winning, leading the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to a 31-9 win over the Kansas City Chiefs in Super Bowl 55.

Brady's seventh Super Bowl title, at age 43 no less, was one of the best moments of 2021, when a continuing pandemic could not dim the brightest of stars of the sports world.

"It's hands down one of the greatest accomplishments in sports history," said Buccaneers tight end Rob Gronkowski, lured out of retirement by Brady to join him in Tampa Bay.

Brady wasn't the only veteran athlete to steal the spotlight in 2021, the year of the mature.

Phil Mickelson gave the silver-haired set a thrill, becoming the oldest major champion in golf history by winning the PGA Championship at 50. Lefty left some of the world's best — and younger — golfers in his wake at Kiawah Island, winning his sixth major championship at an age when many players are looking to move up a tee box.

"There's no reason why I or anybody else can't do it at a later age," Mickelson said. "It just takes a little more work."

Mickelson's moment capped an unforgettable golf season that included Hideki Matsuyama becoming the first Asian-born player to win the Masters, Jon Rahm curling in a birdie putt on No. 18 at Torrey Pines to win the U.S. Open and the United States' dominating win in the Ryder Cup.

Tiger Woods capped the year by reeling off 11 straight birdies with his 12-year-old son, Charlie, in the final round of the PNC Championship — 10 months after shattering his right leg in a car crash.

The Milwaukee Bucks veered back on course behind Giannis Antetokounmpo, winning their first NBA title in 50 years by outlasting the surprising Phoenix Suns in six games. The Atlanta Braves exercised a few demons of their own, beating the Houston Astros in six games for their first World Series title since 1995.

The Tampa Bay Lightning won their second straight Stanley Cup title — this one outside the NHL's playoff bubble.

The 2020 Tokyo Olympics were held a year late but, as always, produced some unforgettable moments.

Texas-born Italian sprinter Marcell Jacobs shocked the world by winning the men's 100 meters, putting his unlikely name among the sport's greats: Jesse Owens, Carl Lewis, Usain Bolt.

Jamaican sprinter Elaine Thompson-Herah electrified the crowd by breaking Florence Griffith Joyner's 33-year-old 100-meter record and had the second-fastest time ever to win the 200 meters.

American gymnast Simone Biles bowed out of four finals while battling "the twisties," but overcame the mental block to take bronze in balance beam, regaining a piece of herself in the process. Sunisa Lee filled in nicely for the gymnast widely considered the greatest in history, becoming the fifth straight American woman to win the all-around title.

Helio Castroneves turned back the clock at 46, becoming the fourth four-time Indianapolis 500 champion by schooling one of the sport's hottest young stars. IndyCar's "Spiderman" passed 24-year-old Alex Palou with two laps remaining and the energy from the crowd pushed him to the finish line — and 16 feet up the fence at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in a familiar celebration.

"I have the strength of a spider; I must have been bitten by a spider," Castroneves said. "There was so much emotion, so much passion. I saw fans crying. I was crying. I was going to climb and climb and climb and enjoy that moment with them."

Candace Parker knows the feeling.

The veteran WNBA player returned home to Chicago after 13 seasons in Los Angeles, leading the Sky over the Phoenix Mercury for their first title.

"To do it here at home, it was just supposed to be," Parker said after a tearful hug with her family.

Two veteran college coaches proved they're still at the top of their game.

Nick Saban gave the college football season another predictable finish, leading Alabama to its sixth national championship in 12 years with a 52-24 thrashing of Ohio State in the title game.

Stanford women's basketball coach Tara VanDerveer won her first national championship in 29 years, overcoming a nearly 10-week stint on the road because of the coronavirus and a last-second shot by Arizona's Aari McDonald. The 54-53 win gave the 67-year-old VanDerveer her third national title in 35 years at Stanford, along with the ones she won in 1990 and 1992.

"This is just an honor to be able to do this for her and with her," Stanford sophomore Haley Jones said.

The Cardinal's win came a day after one of the greatest games in men's Final Four history, when Gonzaga's Jalen Suggs hit a running 3-pointer at the buzzer to beat UCLA. Gonzaga's bid for the first undefeated season since the 1976 Indiana Hoosiers ended in the title game, though, where Baylor pushed the Zags around to win its first national title with an 86-70 runaway.

Even during a pandemic, the stars of the sports world found a way to shine — no matter their age.

MADISON

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meanwhile, was nearly powerless to answer, hitting just 11-of-42 shots (26%) for the game and scoring only five points in the second half.

Kaden Oliver and Jackson Lynch scored 10 points each to lead Madison while Jackson Falconberry added seven. Falconberry also had eight rebounds as he battled the taller Dragons inside all night.

Kade Unseld and Jaiden Lawrence each scored 15 points to pace Warren Central while Chappelle Whitney had 11 points and Damarion Walkup scored 10.

Warren Central then lost a tough game to Indianapolis Tech, 77-73, in the semifinals late Wednesday night and squared off against Southwestern in the third place game on Thursday afternoon.

Madison played two games on Thursday, starting with a matchup against Switzerland County in the consolation semifinals. Stotts said that it was important for his team to erase the loss to Warren Central and close the tournament on a high note.

"I think for us it's going to be a learning experience and see how we come back in a situation like this. Most of our guys haven't played in a tournament like this before," Stotts said. "So we're trying to turn the wheel and say OK, we lost that game but who cares? Let's get in here and play the next day and try to salvage what we can."

Stotts also said that he is ready to mix things up in order to get the results he is seeking.

"I told guys from the beginning we're gonna play the guys that played the hardest and right now I'm not seeing some of our guys play as hard as they can. And I know some of these younger guys want a shot," Stotts said. "So tomorrow we're going find out who wants to play and I already told the coaches I'm fine losing games if we're losing with the right kids and the kids that want to be here want to play hard for us. That's how programs are built and you want the community and everybody else to stay with you and just realize that you're trying to do it the right way."

BOMHOLT

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the program. The Rebels had won six of their first seven games — including one over Silver Creek in the morning's first round — by doing exactly what Jay County did in the night game.

The Patriots (7-1) led 13-11 after the first quarter and 23-20 at halftime before Southwestern took over the third quarter and went ahead 35-28. The fourth quarter was a back-and-forth affair with the Patriots finally gaining the lead and hitting four free throws down the stretch to ice the win.

Overall, Jay County shot 54% (20-for-37) from the floor to make up for an overall lackluster 8-of-18 performance from the line but also turned the ball over just seven times while forcing 13 by the Rebels.

It was that kind of game that Southwestern is used to playing but the Rebels struggled against the Patriots' 1-2-2 zone all night, shooting just 37% (16-for-43) and went to the line only six times, hitting five.

Assistant coach Phil Whelan, who was subbing for Nussbaum who had to miss the game, said there were no emotions on his sideline about facing the former coach. After all, much of the roster has turned over since then. For Whelan, the game came down to execution.

"(Jay County) sticks to their tried true and we knew what to expect because our guys have done it for years but we just couldn't get it in the right spots," Whelan said. "They don't go super deep so their conditioning was top notch. I think we never really pushed them the way we should have."

Cole scored 13 points to lead Southwestern while Mitch Mingione and Jamison Lewis scored 11 points each and newcomer Peyton Gwin, who just transferred in from Austin, scored 10. Parker Davis did not score but pulled down 10 rebounds.

Dusty Pearson scored 14 points, Blake Bogenschultz had 12 and Joshua Dowlen added 10 for Jay County.

In the morning games, Jay County defeated Scottsburg 47-41 behind 13 points each from Bogenschultz and Dowlen while Southwestern pulled away late to defeat Silver Creek 69-57. Cole had 19 points, 13 rebounds and four assists in the win for the Rebels while Lewis and Colton Cloud scored 16 points each and Mingione had 14. Branden Northern led Silver Creek with 23 points.

Jay County faced off against Indianapolis Tech in the championship game on Thursday night while Southwestern played Warren Central in the third place game.

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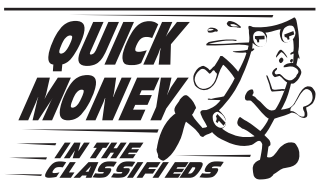

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JOSEPH F. VETTER and
MARY R. VETTER
Plaintiffs
vs.
LAURA JEAN KONKLE
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MARY GOMMEL, and
CHARLES KNOKLE AND HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, and
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STEVEN KONKLE, and
MARSHA POLLOCK, and
JONE SCOTT, and
MARGARET HORINE AND HER UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, and
TRISTAN N. PROFFET,
Defendants

SUMMONS

This summons is to the Defendants above named, and to any other person who may be concerned.
You are notified that you have been sued in the Jefferson Circuit Court, Jefferson County, Indiana, in an action entitled Verified Complaint for Declaratory Judgment and to Quiet Title under the Cause No. referenced in the caption above, by the person named above as Plaintiffs. This summons is specifically directed to the Defendants, **Laura Jean Konkle, Charles Konkle, William Konkle and Margaret Horine, and their unknown heirs, devisees, successors and assigns,** whose whereabouts are unknown.
The named Plaintiffs are represented by **ANTHONY J. CASTOR, ATTORNEY AT LAW, 320 WALNUT STREET, MADISON, INDIANA, 812-265-6110.**
The nature of this suit against you is to declare that Plaintiffs are the sole and only owners of the fee simple title to the following described real estate and to quiet title to the following real estate in the names of the Plaintiffs:
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EXHIBIT A
The fee simple to the following described real estate located in Jefferson County, Indiana:
A part of the Northeast Quarter of Section Twenty Five (25), Township Five (5) North, Range Eleven (11) East, and a part of the Northwest Quarter of Section Thirty (30), Township Five (5) North, Range 12 East as described in Deed Record 176, Page 972 in the office of the Recorder of Jefferson County, Indiana, containing 155 acres, more or less.
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Dated: 12/6/2021.
Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Jefferson
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0900 LEGALS

STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE SCOTT
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CAUSE NO.
72C01-2112-EU-000043
IN THE MATTER OF
THE UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF THE
ESTATE OF
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15 WKPC	13		Lawrence Welk		★★★ "Downton Abbey" (2019)				(:06) Call the Midwife (N)			Sym	Austin
19 WXIX	10		NFL Football			Post	Boxing				FOX19		I Can
32 WLKY	5	5	News	News	Wheel	J'pardy!	NCIS: LA		48 Hours (N) 🎧		48 Hours (N) 🎧		News
34 WBKI	7	7	"It Runs-Family"		Two	Two	iHeartRadio Jingle Ball 2021 CC				WDRB News		Broke
41 WDRB	8	9	NFL Football			Post	Boxing				WDRB News		I Can
A&E	28	36	(5:00) "John Wick: Chapter 2" 🎧				★★★ "John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabellum" (2019)						"John
AMC	29	26	"Four Chris"		"National Lamp. Christmas"				"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"				
COM	45	59	Dunham		Dunham		"Night at the Museum"				★★ "The Longest Yard"		
DISC	31	38	The Repair Shop		The Repair Shop		The Repair Shop (N) CC			The Repair Shop		The Repair Shop	
DISN	25	29	"Christmas...Again?!" 🎧		Holiday-Quest			Disney's Magi		Big City	Big City	Lady	Ghost
ESPN	32	44	SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		NBA Basketball: Nets at Lakers					NBA Basketball	
FREE	18	40	Ru	(:45) ★★★ "Home Alone" (1990) CC					(:15) "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"				
FX	40	28	★★ "Dr. Seuss' The Grinch" 🎧				★★ "The Lion King" (2019) 🎧 CC					"Despicable"	
HBO	201	17	★ "Space Jam: A New Legacy"				★★ "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" (2012)						Curb
MAX	270	73	(:01) ★★ "The Book of Eli" (2010)				★★ "The X-Files" (1998) 🎧 CC				(:03) "Black Christmas"		
PARMT	35	41	"For	★★★★ "Forrest Gump" (1994) Tom Hanks. 🎧 CC							(:05) "My Cousin Vinny"		
SHOW	221	16	"Last Holiday"		★★ "Queenpins" (2021) 🎧 CC				★★★ "Zola" (2020) 🎧			"Boogie Nights"	
TMC	233	74	★★★ "Revolver"		★★ "The Bone Collector" (1999)				"Texas Chain"			"Grizzly II: Rev"	
TNT	27	43	"Christmas"		★★★★ "A Christmas Story" (1983)				All, Rampage		"A Madea Christmas"		
USA	26	33	"Harry Potter"		"Harry Potter and Deathly Hallows"					"Harry Potter and Deathly"			
WGN-A	20	20	Last	Last	NewsNation		NewsNation		Dan Abrams		Banfield CC		Balance

SUNDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
3 WAVE	6	2	News	News	Football Night in America			NFL Football: Football Team at Cowboys					
4 WTTV	4		NFL Football			60 Minutes (N)		The Equalizer		The Equalizer		The Equalizer	
5 WLWT	2		News	News	Football Night in America			NFL Football: Football Team at Cowboys					
8 WISH	12		News	Fam	Castle 🎧 CC		Hidden Temple		Penn & Teller		News	AO1	News
9 WCPO	23		News	ABC	Funny Videos		Celebrity Wheel		Supermarket		The Rookie 🎧		News
11 WHAS	11	4	ABC	News	Funny Videos		Celebrity Wheel		Supermarket		The Rookie 🎧		News
15 WKPC	13		Wine	Keep	The Mallorca		Little Women		All Creatures		All Creatures		Castle
19 WXIX	10		NFL Football		Merry Elfin'		Simp	The-	Burgers	Family	FOX19		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	NFL Football			60 Minutes (N)		The Equalizer		The Equalizer		The Equalizer	
34 WBKI	7	7	Sheldon	DraftK	Theory	Theory	Hidden Temple		Penn & Teller		Storm of Susp		Bull 🎧
41 WDRB	8	9	Theory	Preview	Merry Elfin'		Simp	The-	Burgers	Family	WDRB News		The
A&E	28	36	The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		(:01) The First 48		First 48
AMC	29	26	"Vegas Vac"		"National Lampoon's Vacation"				"National-European"				"Ve
COM	45	59	"Longest Yard"		★★★ "The Wedding Singer" CC				★ "Blended" (2014) Adam Sandler. CC				
DISC	31	38	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch "Over the Rail"				(:03) Deadliest Catch CC		
DISN	25	29	Lady	Lady	Lady	Lady	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Big City
ESPN	32	44	30 for 30		SportsCenter (N)		SportC		Boxing		Boxing		SportC
FREE	18	40	"Home Alone"		(:10) ★★ "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992)				(9:50) ★★ "Maleficent"				
FX	40	28	"Kingsman: The Secret Service"				(7:59) ★★ "Kingsman: The Golden Circle" (2017) 🎧						"Kings
HBO	201	17	REAL Sports		★★ "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" (2012)						Inse		Enthusiasm
MAX	270	73	"In &	(:35) ★ "Get a Job" 🎧			★★★ "Haywire" (2011)			(:35) ★★ "Domino" (2005) 🎧 CC			
PARMT	35	41	Yellowstone 🎧		Yellowstone 🎧		Yellowstone (N)		(:14) 1883 (N) 🎧 CC			Yellowstone 🎧	
SHOW	221	16	Yellowjackets		Dexter: New		VICE	VICE	Dexter: New		Yellowjackets		Dexter
TMC	233	74	★★ "The Change-Up" (2011) 🎧				★★★ "Sideways" (2004) 🎧 CC				(:10) "Made in Italy" 🎧		
TNT	27	43	"Meg"	★★ "Captain Marvel" (2019) Brie Larson.					Claws (N)		Claws (N)		Claws
USA	26	33	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law-	Law & Order		Law-	Law & Order		Law-
WGN-A	20	20	Last	Last	NewsNation		NewsNation		Dan Abrams		Banfield CC		Balance

MONDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
3 WAVE	6	2	News	News	News	News	★★★ "Trolls" (2016) CC				That's My Jam		News
4 WTTV	4		News	CBS	Theory	Sheldon	Neigh	Bob	NCIS CC (DVS)		NCIS: Hawai'i 🎧		News
5 WLWT	2		News	News	WLWT	Holly	★★★ "Trolls" (2016) CC				That's My Jam		News
8 WISH	12		News 8 at 6PM		Inside	ET	Whose?	Whose?	Penn & Teller		News 8 at 10PM		News
9 WCPO	23		News	ABC	News	The List	Celebrity Wheel		The Year: 2021 (N) 🎧 CC				News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	ABC	ET	Inside	Celebrity Wheel		The Year: 2021 (N) 🎧 CC				News
15 WKPC	13		Com	News	PBS NewsHour		Inside the Bat		Inside the Bat		POV "Unapologetic" (N)		
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	J'pardy!	9-1-1 CC (DVS)		9-1-1: Lone Star		FOX19		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBS	Wheel	J'pardy!	Neigh	Bob	NCIS CC (DVS)		NCIS: Hawai'i 🎧		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Mod	Last	Sheldon	Theory	Whose?	Whose?	Penn & Teller		Theory	Sheldon	Two
41 WDRB	8	9	News	News	Judge	Judge	9-1-1 CC (DVS)		9-1-1: Lone Star		WDRB News		News
A&E	28	36	The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		(:01) The First 48		First 48
AMC	29	26	"The Rock" CC		★★ "Divergent" (2014) Shailene Woodley. CC						★★ "Insurgent" (2015)		
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
DISC	31	38	Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws (N) 🎧 CC						
DISN	25	29	Jessie	Jessie	Holly H.	Holly H.	Big City	Big City	Jessie	Jessie	Big City	Big City	Lady
ESPN	32	44	Monday Night Countdown (N) CC				NFL Football Miami Dolphins at New Orleans Saints.						Post
FREE	18	40	"Home Alone 3"		★★★ "Paddington" (2014) CC				★★ "Shrek Forever After" (2010)				700
FX	40	28	(5:30) ★★★ "Baby Driver" (2017)				★★★ "22 Jump Street" (2014) Jonah Hill.					"22 Jump"	
HBO	201	17	(:15) Insecure 🎧		"A Walk Among the Tombstones"				Landscapers (N)		Insecure: The		Land
MAX	270	73	(5:41) ★★★ "Kill Bill: Vol. 2" (2004)				★★★ "Breakdown" (1997)		(:35) ★★ "Point Break" (2015) 🎧				
PARMT	35	41	(4:00) ★★★★ "The Godfather, Part II" (1974) 🎧 CC						★★★ "The Wolf of Wall Street" (2013) 🎧				
SHOW	221	16	"Last Black Man in San Fran"				Dexter: New		Billions 🎧 CC		Billions 🎧 CC		Yellow
TMC	233	74	(5:00) ★★★ "Casino" (1995) CC				★★★ "Midnight Cowboy" (1969)				★★★ "Midnight Express"		
TNT	27	43	(5:30) ★★ "Captain Marvel" (2019)				★★ "Rampage" (2018) CC (DVS)				"Class Action Park"		
USA	26	33	Last	Last	Last	Last	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) 🎧 (Live) CC						"Mr.
WGN-A	20	20	Donlon Report		On Balance		Dan Abrams		NewsNation		Banfield (N) CC		Balance

ACROSS

1 Wicket
5 Hot-burning fuel
9 Hearty enjoyment
13 Humorist — Bombeck
14 Was an omen of
15 Seals a deal
16 Prop
17 Provide an excuse
18 Kind of school
19 Bite
21 Have a meal
22 Cows chew them
23 Clay pot
25 Buffoon
27 Vine crop
31 Salad ingredient
35 Latin I verb
36 Aloud
38 Aladdin's servant
39 Musical notes
40 Cry of surprise
42 "Exodus" character
43 Peruvian animal
46 Limerick locale
47 Singles
48 Harden
50 Passport or deed
52 Tpks.
54 Abominable Snowman
55 Sioux City site
58 Misstate
60 Synthetic fabric
64 Refinery waste
65 Shelf
67 Pajama coverer
68 Insignificant
69 Spurred on
70 Bloodhound's clue
71 Male offspring
72 Judge
73 Must have

DOWN

1 Position of leadership
2 Black-and-white snack
3 General — Bradley
4 Is successful (2 wds.)
5 Army off.
6 Comics canine
7 Food on a skewer
8 Tabloid staffer
9 Address part (2 wds.)
10 Beige
11 Tournament favorite
12 Cookbook amts.
14 Tennis gofer (2 wds.)
20 Horror flick street
24 Cliffside abode
26 Zig's opposite
27 Yo-Yo Ma plays it
28 Eurasian mountains
29 Hombres' homes
30 Part of REM
32 Banal
33 Warning sound
34 Bank job
37 Composer — Anderson
41 Withdrew
44 Desert phenomena
45 At the stern
47 Greek vowel
49 Shouted
51 Hagen of "The Other"
53 Long bout
55 Dogmas
56 Fridge stick
57 Admonish
59 Rim
61 Took a taxi
62 Band instrument
63 Brain, maybe
66 Rare mineral

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

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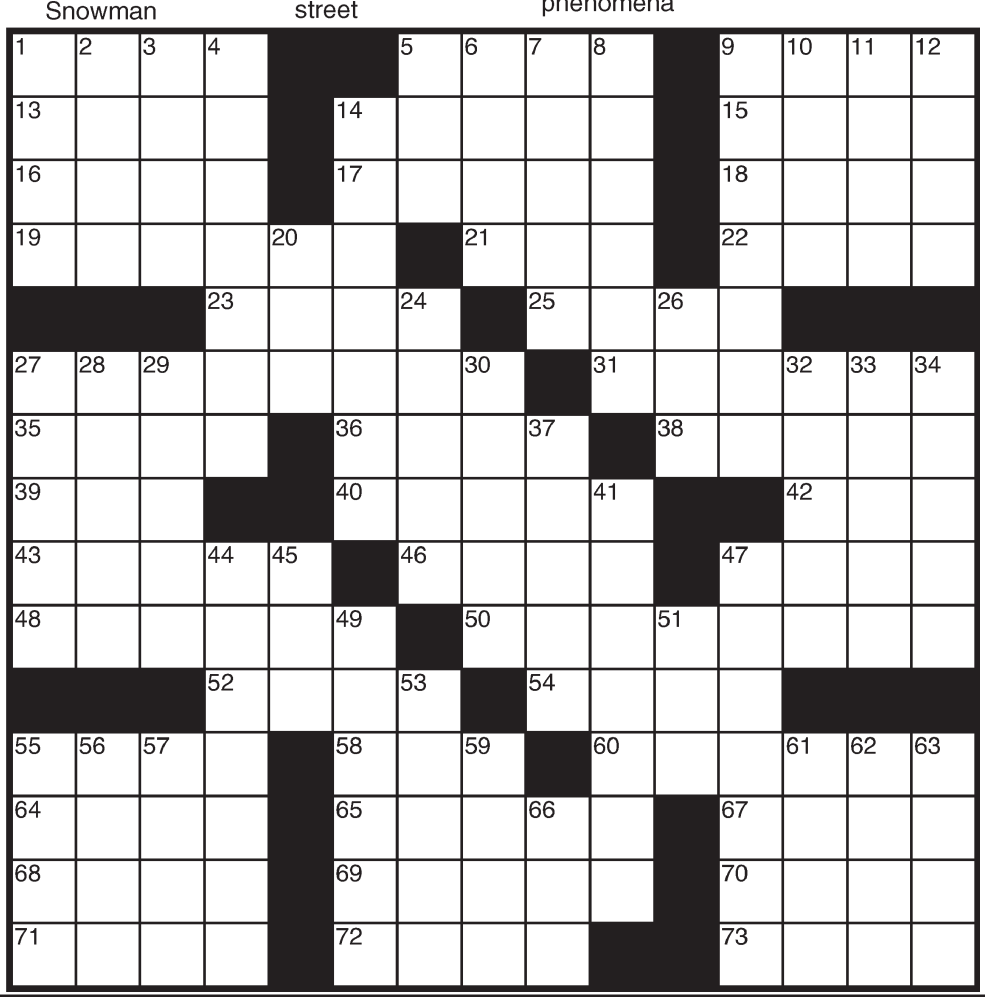

ACROSS

1 Festoon
5 Tirade
9 Juicy pears
14 Water ski locale
15 Director — Kazan
16 Full-length
17 Valhalla honcho
18 Nerve
19 Lasso
20 Checked fabric
22 December singer
24 Aura
25 Solitude enjoyers
26 Foul caller
29 Impatient
31 Salary hike
32 Drama prize
33 Thurman of "Gattaca"
36 Haul into court
37 Close resemblance
40 Scotland Yard div.
41 Empty space
42 Yield by treaty
43 Stopped a squeak
45 Teacake
47 Earthlings
48 Chimp cousin
51 Road shoulder
52 Oval
54 Feels bitter
58 Jet forth
59 Food fish
61 Christmas tune
62 Number of Fates
63 Put up with
64 Piqued
65 It may be rattled
66 Struck silent
67 Oklahoma city

DOWN

1 Toil wearily
2 Dry watercourse
3 Quite similar
4 — Khan
5 Tell jokes
6 Bowie's last stand
7 None at all
8 Dusting powder
9 Pack animals
10 Like some bagels
11 Map feature
12 Shrewder
13 Milky Way units
21 Seraglio
23 Make changes
26 — Major
27 Part of Hawaii
28 Wharf
29 Stay
30 Amiable
32 Birds of ill —
33 West Coast campus
34 Demeanor
35 Says further
38 Holy images
39 Not his or hers
44 Humongous
45 Evening party
46 Flying machine
47 Took advice
48 Defeats
49 Omega opposite
50 Book jacket ad
51 Reduce speed
53 This, to Pedro
55 Zenith
56 Garr or Hatcher
57 Arctic transport
60 Word to a mule

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

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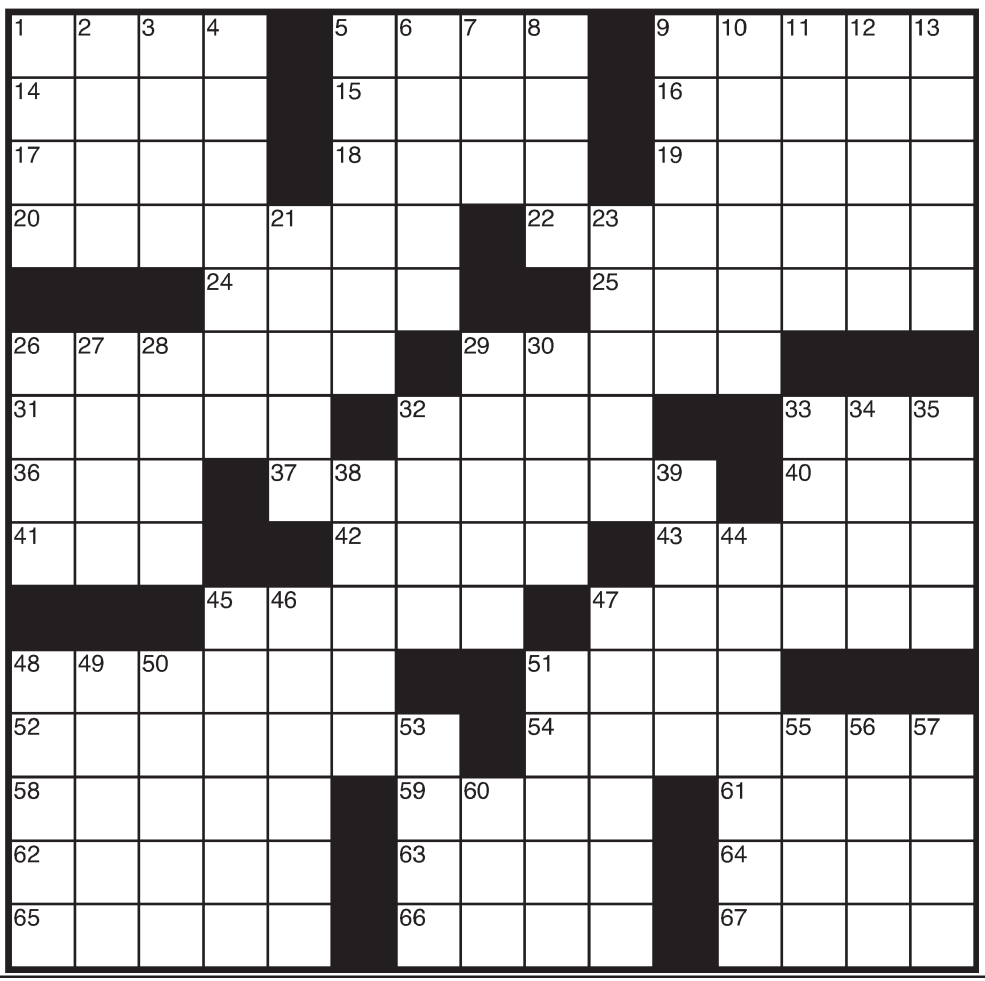

Cincinnati climbs CFP mountain, but can it stay there?

BY MITCH STACY
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CINCINNATI — The University of Cincinnati has played football for more than a century in the long shadow of Ohio State.

After all these years, little brother is making some big noise.

For Cincinnati (13-0), playing in the under-the-radar American Athletic Conference, everything fell into place in 2021. The Bearcats landed as the No. 4 seed in the College Football Playoff, crashing what has been the domain of college football's blue bloods, the first school outside a Power Five conference to do so.

Meanwhile, back in Columbus, Ohio State fans are still working through the grief of last month's disastrous loss to Michigan, which to many was worse than being shut out of the playoff for the first time in three seasons.

The Bearcats scaled the CFP mountain and can see the top from there.

Now fifth-year coach Luke Fickell has to figure out how to keep the Bearcats up there as the program prepares to transition to a Power Five conference — the Big 12 — in the next few years.

"When I came here, a mindset of mine was, 'I hope someday, that we could become a rival to my alma mater,' " said Fickell, who played at Ohio State and was on its coaching staff for 16 years.

"I mean that, all of the sudden, maybe they look at you and recognize that they have to battle against us," he said. "Whether we play them on the football field or not, a lot of the other opportunities are in recruiting. That's where we continue to want to be — and that's not just the Ohio State stuff. That's being a top-10 program."

Cincinnati has a well-earned national reputation as a basketball school. But it could never compete with the tradition, fan base, facilities and recruiting advantage of the juggernaut Buckeyes.

It has, however, had enough football success in the past two decades to become a mid-major stop on the coaching ladder for the likes of Mark Dantonio, Brian Kelly, Butch Jones and presumably Fickell, though he has spurned opportunities to leave.

Urban Meyer, the former Ohio State coach, suggested the trajectory of the Cincinnati program could depend on how the Bearcats show against No. 1 Alabama on New Year's Eve with 25 million people watching on TV.

"It can be that double-edged sword," Meyer said. A competitive game boosts the profile of the program; a blowout looks bad and raises doubts about whether the Bearcats belonged."

Curiously enough, Cincinnati and Ohio State, 100 miles apart, have never been football rivals. They've played each other just 17 times, with the Bearcats winning twice — in 1896 and 1897.

Cincinnati football fandom is regional, closer to Ohio's six Mid-American Conference schools than Ohio State, which a few years ago tried unsuccessfully to trademark the word "The" as in "The Ohio State University."

Fickell built his 2021 team around seniors and transfers who will be gone next season, including quarterback Desmond Ridder, running back Jerome Ford (an Alabama transfer) and most defensive starters. Sustaining the success will be challenging, but Fickle has prioritized recruiting and building for the future.

Buckeyes fans will keep an eye on the Cincinnati game before settling in to watch No. 7 Ohio State's Rose Bowl consolation against No. 10 Utah on New Year's Day.

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